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### IAF, HAL TO REVIEW TEJAS MK1A DELAY

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and the Indian Air Force will hold a critical programme review this month to finalise a revised induction timeline for Tejas Mk1A. Sources said senior IAF and HAL officials will meet in New Delhi to assess the progress made on mandatory operational requirements. "The outcome of the review will be decisive...The IAF is seeking clarity on when the first aircraft will finally be inducted," a source said.

Indian tanker Jag Vasant, after clearing the Strait of Hormuz, is seen anchored at the LPG discharge terminal in Mumbai on Wednesday | PTI

# Special session for women's quota

**PREETHA NAIR** @ New Delhi

WITH an eye on the upcoming assembly polls, the Centre may convene a special session of Parliament from April 16-18 to bring a bill to increase the number of Lok Sabha seats to 816 so that 273 of them could be reserved for women in Lok Sabha, sources said.

While the Budget Session is scheduled to conclude on Thursday, the government may prorogue it and convene a 'special session' ahead of the Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu on April 23, and West Bengal polls on April 23 and 29.

"The House will not be adjourned sine die but will be adjourned with the announcement that it will meet again on a specific date. We will meet again this month," said a source, indicating the third week of April.

The government recently proposed an early delimitation exercise to fast-track the implementation of the Women's Reservation Act. The proposed changes reportedly include linking the Act's implementation based on the 2011 Census for a quicker rollout and potentially increasing the number of Lok Sabha and Assembly seats by 50% on a proportional basis.

The Opposition has demanded an all-party meeting to discuss the roadmap. The Congress has also opposed the move to raise the size of the Lok Sabha by 50% saying such a move would "disadvantage" smaller states in the South, Northeast, and West. The provision to provide 33% reservation to women in Lok Sabha and assemblies was brought by amending the Constitution in 2023, but it will come into effect after the completion of the delimitation exercise.

The reservation will also be done on a "vertical basis" with seats allocated for SCs and STs. The redrawing of constituencies will be done on the basis of the 2011 census rather than the proposed 2027 census.

A similar exercise will be carried out for state assemblies where seats will be reserved on a pro-rata basis. A Constitution amendment bill will tweak the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, commonly known as women's reservation law; another bill will amend the Delimitation Act.

Once approved by Parliament, the proposed laws will come into force on March 31, 2029 and will help reserve seats for women in the next Lok Sabha elections and assembly elections in Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Andhra Pradesh.

# PM reviews steps to safeguard citizens

**JAYANTH JACOB** @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday chaired the meeting of Cabinet Committee on Security to review India's preparedness amid the ongoing West Asia conflict, directing officials that "all efforts must be made to safeguard citizens from the impact of this conflict." The second such review in recent days held at 7 Lok Kalyan Marg focused on mitigating disruptions across key sectors including energy, agriculture, shipping, aviation, logistics and MSMEs.

The government assessed supply chains and explored contingency measures to ensure stability in essential commodities and services. Supply diversification for LPG and LNG, fuel duty reduction and power sector measures were reviewed to ensure stability of essential supplies.

Cabinet Secretary T V Somanathan briefed the meeting about the action taken to ensure supply of petroleum products, particularly LNG/LPG, and sufficient power availability. Measures such as exempting certain gas-based power plants from pooling mechanisms and increasing coal supplies to thermal stations were reviewed to ensure uninterrupted electricity. The government noted that "enough coal stock exists" to meet power needs in the coming months.

On the agriculture front, the PM reviewed fertilizer availability. Efforts are underway to maintain urea production and coordinate imports of DAP and NPK fertilizers. States have been asked to intensify monitoring and take action against diversion and black-marketing.

DAY 33 WAR WATCH

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# Trump says war to end in 3 wks, hints NATO exit

**AGENCIES**
@ Washington, London, Tel Aviv

PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Wednesday said the US could end its operations in Iran in two-three weeks with or a without a deal. However, a third US aircraft carrier, USS George H W Bush, set sail for West Asia on Tuesday. Trump is expected to address the nation on Wednesday night.

The US president sharply escalated his confrontation with Europe over the war, saying he is strongly considering pulling his country out of NATO. "Oh yes, I would say it's (US exit from NATO) beyond reconsideration," he told a reporter at a White House briefing.

In a further sign of stress on the transatlantic alliance, UK PM Keir Starmer said Britain needed to forge a "closer partnership" with the EU on defence, security and the economy. He vowed not to let the UK get dragged into the war.

Meanwhile, Trump claimed Iran's president has asked for a ceasefire. However, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson dismissed the remarks as "false and baseless". P12

**CURTAINS DOWN**

People gather near Dharmaraya Swamy Temple for the grand Karaga procession on the final day of the festival in Bengaluru on Wednesday night | NAGARAJA GADEKAL | P2

# HC to state: File FIR against IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court directed the state government to accord approval within four weeks under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act for registration of a First Information Report (FIR) against IAS officer **Rohini Sindhuri D** and the then Managing Director of Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation for investigation by the Lokayukta police into alleged corruption and consequent loss to the state exchequer in the procurement of eco-friendly cloth bags by her as Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru.

The court said a cloth bag available in the open market at Rs 13 per unit was sought to be procured at Rs 52, pursuant to a decision attributed to the DC.

Further, funds earmarked for welfare schemes within urban local bodies and gram panchayaths of the district were diverted to procure the bags. The approval sought under Section 17A pertains to a case which, at least prima facie, discloses elements of corruption, the court said. P5

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**ALMANAC TODAY**

• **Thursday:** 02.04.2026 • **Year:** Parabhava • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
• **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Chaitra • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Purnima 7.45 am
• **Nakshatra:** Hastha 5.38 pm • Moon in Tula Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am

**WEATHER**

MIN 19°C | MAX 34°C

**FORECAST**
Mostly sunny

Sunrise 06.15 am
Sunset 06.31 pm
Moonrise 06.47 pm
Moonset 06.09 am

# Auto LPG shortage, rising prices trigger panic

Rumours of impending fuel crunch lead to long queues at fuel stations in city, as many suppliers run out of stock

**ANUBHAB ROY** @ Bengaluru

AUTORICKSHAW drivers in Bengaluru were in for a rude shock on Wednesday, with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) used in autorickshaws in extreme short supply, causing long queues at gas stations.

The panic surrounding a potential fuel crisis, which began with the ongoing West Asia conflict, aggravated considerably on Wednesday with many LPG stations across Bengaluru being forced to shut after their stocks depleted. The Essay auto LPG station in Shivaji Nagar and Go Gas LPG station in JC Nagar were among many in the city that barricaded entrances and declared out of stock.

Private LPG suppliers that did have stock, however, increased prices by around Rs 15 per litre, compared to government-regulated suppliers. "Auto drivers are suffering. Many of them are poor, and cannot afford fuel rates that hover around Rs 105 per litre," rued M Manjunath, president of Adarsha Auto and Taxi Drivers' Union.

Driven by a lack of supply at private stations and steep prices set by the functioning ones, auto drivers queued up at the cheapest option: government-regulated fuel stations. Bowring Service Station, a supplier of Indian Oil, had a line of autorickshaws that stretched along almost the entire length of St Mark's Road. "Indian Oil's rate for LPG went from Rs 77.74 per litre yesterday to Rs 89.52 per litre today, which is still the lowest rate. Why would drivers go to private suppliers selling LPG at Rs 105 per litre? That sounds unaffordable to even me," said station manager R Mariyappa.

Autorickshaws line up at Bowring Service Station in Bengaluru | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Asked about supply shortage in light of the larger context, Mariyappa admitted that while supply had been adequate so far, they were operating on a tight margin. "Supply is on daily basis, so it is difficult to foresee anything. As of today, we are okay," Mariyappa added.

Petrol and diesel supply, however, was normal. According to Balaji Rao, president of Bangalore Petroleum Dealers' Association, petroleum and diesel supplies in Bengaluru were uninterrupted, with normal operations being carried out.

A total of 72 auto LPG dispensing stations (ALDS) are functioning across Karnataka, of which 31 are in Bengaluru. As per the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs department, there was daily supply of 57.6 tonnes of LPG through public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) before the US-Israel-Iran war began. Since the conflict, supply has been increased to 64.9 metric tonnes per day.

Chief Priest Gnanendra Swamy prepares to carry the Karaga on the final day of the festival in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

## GBA chief seeks action plan for KR Market

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Bengaluru

GREATER Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao on Wednesday instructed officials of the Central City Corporation to prepare an action plan for the comprehensive development of KR Market and set a deadline for completion of work.

Rao, who visited KR Market, said the action plan should include proper waste disposal, installation of CCTV cameras, white-topping of internal roads and providing easy access to the flower market. "Submit the plan within a week," Rao told the corporation officials.

He directed the officials to install CCTV cameras across the market for the safety of the people. "Internal roads are in poor condition and they should be white-topped at the earliest," he said.

Inspecting the KR Market Junction, where asphalting work has been completed and a service road built, he told the officials to open the junction for vehicles from the flyover down ramp soon.

Representatives of the KR Market Vendors' Association informed Rao that absence of easy access to the flower market caused inconvenience to visitors. Rao inspected the flower market and instructed the officials to provide proper access to it.

The officials informed Rao that a plan has been prepared for scientific disposal of waste. Trolley bins and baskets will be kept for waste collection in vegetable, fruit and flower markets. Sheds will be built for waste collection.

## BSWML's measures to solve mixed waste muddle fall flat

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@Bengaluru

DESPITE the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited's (BSWML) efforts to clear garbage and fix blackspots, residents seem to care less and dump mounds of mixed waste on the streets, defeating the purpose of a 'Clean Bengaluru' campaign.

**NASTY AFFAIR**

Total Cases filed by BSWML for non segregation of waste and use of banned single-use on April 1
**298**

Total Penalty Collected
**₹1,76,000**

At Annasandra Palya, LBS Nagar, FA Quarters Road in HAL ward, and many other areas in the city, it is evident that the litterbugs are flouting BSWML waste segregation rules. Officials said they have begun to impose Rs 1,000 to 15,000 fines on bulk waste generators, waste collectors and officials for failing to comply with rules.

The officials said there is a provision under the Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules to impose penalties against residents, waste pickers, contractors and officials if the waste is not segregated. Rs 1,000 against residents who are categorised under 'domestic' and also waste collectors, including officials, for giving and collecting mixed waste. For repeated offence, the penalty is doubled. Similarly, penalties are levied for handing over mixed to unauthorised collectors (Rs 5000), from small commercial establishments (Rs 10,000) to large commercial establishments and bulk waste generators (Rs 15,000).

"While the civic agency announced measures like dumping waste at the doorstep and also collected penalties for littering the streets, the measures seem to have little impact on the mindset, as people come and dump mixed waste at early or late night when Marshalls are not around. The civic body should launch a drive for a month or two and catch offences on the spot, then the incidents of littering will come down," said a retired engineer.

### Bengaluru 'screams' against delayed projects, seeks people-centric urban planning

Bengaluru: Marking April Fool's Day with a sharp message, citizens across Bengaluru staged a coordinated 'Scream' protest against what they termed "stupid projects" – delayed, costly and ineffective infrastructure works disrupting daily life. Led by Greenpeace India along with civil society groups under the Bengaluru Rising campaign, demonstrations were held at key locations, including the Rajarajeshwari Nagar arch flyover, Dommasandra flyover and at the Mysore Lamps site in Malleswaram. Physically shouting or screaming against "absurd" urban planning, the protesters highlighted years long delays in flyover construction and raised concerns over the proposed conversion of the Mysore Lamps land, a dense urban green space, into a convention centre. Activists said such projects prioritise concrete expansion over ecological preservation and fail to address core issues like traffic congestion and public accessibility. The campaigners said the protests reflect growing frustration with a development model focused on flyovers and road widening at the cost of walkability, clean air and the city's shrinking network of lakes and green spaces. Voices from citizen groups stressed the need to protect existing green cover and reimagine urban spaces as inclusive and sustainable. They pointed to the Mysore Lamps land as an opportunity to create a public, mixed-use green space rather than a commercial complex serving limited interests. **ENS**

# City soaks in Karaga spirit, festival ends

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Bengaluru

THE historic Karaga witnessed a floral and illumination extravaganza and cultural blend as Chief Priest Gnanendra Swamy carried the Karaga and walked 26 kms from Wednesday Midnight. According to Chalakari Narayanaswamy, President of Bengaluru Karaga Committee, the grand flower decoration was completed inside as well as outside the premises of Dharmaraya Temple.

And for the first time, not just the temple and outside, but the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) head office, Dasappa Hospital, Avenue Road and the surrounding areas of Dharmaraya Temple have grand illuminations, and the event was held with much fanfare.

5,000 Veerakumaras followed the chief priest Gnanendra Swamy at around 1 am. The Karaga procession passed through the OTC main road and stopped at the Anjenaya Swamy temple. Then, the Ganapathi Puja was also held. The rally covered Siddanna Gulli, Avenue Road, City Market Fort on the southern side.

The procession then headed to Cotton Pet and entered Tawakkal Mastan Shah Dargah, where members of both the Muslim and Hindu communities came to witness the iconic greetings between religious leaders and pray for the well-being of community members. Muslim community members offered flowers and fruits to Gnanendra Swamy, carrying the Karaga, marking the strong social fabric of Bengaluru.

The procession also covered Kilari Road, Mysuru Bank Circle, Kumbarpet and Tigalarapet, and offered darshana to lakhs of devotees.

To ensure that no untoward incident takes place, the Central and West Division Police deployed sufficient staff, as the event was a midnight affair.

## Yelahanaka-Puttenahalli a reserve, but birds don't want to roost here

**BOSKY KHANNA** @ Bengaluru:

BENGALURU'S only bird conservation reserve, Yelahanka-Puttenahalli Lake, is in a state of neglect. Untreated sewage flows into the lake through rajakaluves and garbage is strewn around the lake bed, emitting a foul smell.

This is the condition of the lake despite orders from the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to protect the water body, and the lake being declared a protected site. Members of the Yelahanka-Puttenahalli Lake and Bird Conservation Trust who approached the NGT, pointed out the violations and said they will apprise the court of the lake's status during the hearing scheduled later this month.

Members of the Trust said that without obtaining permission, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) started sending untreated sewage into a treated water body by digging up the walkway. The rajakaluve connecting upstream water bodies emptied sewage into the lake.

Trust chairperson KS Sangunni said that in 2024, the matter was raised before the NGT. The court had immediately ordered the civic body to stop the flow of sewage into the lake. The erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike said a diversion pipeline would be constructed in the rajakaluve to divert the flow of sewage, but this has still not happened.

The Forest department, the custodian of the lake, also expressed helplessness over the situation. "Despite court orders and repeated notices to BWSSB and Greater Bengaluru Authority, nothing has happened. There has been no response," said Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bengaluru Urban, Ravindra Kumar.

GBA officials, not wanting to be quoted, said, "Work on construction of the diversion channel has started. It is for BWSSB to stop the flow of sewage."

BBMP and BWSSB had submitted a request to the Forest department, seeking permission and explaining the need for laying pipelines through the lake area. They reasoned that there is no place to construct the diversion channel and storm water drains are blocked. The forest department gave permission with a series of conditions, the highlight being that sewage should not flow into the lake, explained a forester.

Under Section 36-A of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, Yelahanka-Puttenahalli Lake, spread across 36 acres, was declared a bird conservation reserve on April 29, 2015, with the aim to protect the avian species. The lake then recorded the presence of 400 bird species listed under Schedule 1 and 2 of the Act. Their number has now fallen to less than 200. Birds only roost on the islands, but do not feed in the lake, due to poor quality of water and aquatic life.

With the help of locals, citizen welfare groups and experts from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Gandhi Krishi Vignan Kendra (GKVK), the Forest department had rejuvenated the lake in 2014, and also constructed a sewage treatment plant. The lake gets water overflowing from upstream lakes like Attur and Veerasagar. It connects downstream to Yelahanka, Jakkur and Rachenahalli lakes before joining the Hebbal Valley flowing eastwards.

## Horoscopes By Holiday

**HOLIDAY MATHIS**

**02nd April : Pink Moon Afterthoughts Kindness has power. Maybe not noticeable power. Maybe not right away. Maybe not as much as you want it to. But today, the moral works out. The Libra moon of harmony reiterates the age-old hope that compassion, gentle acts and love will prevail. Many will see it illustrated in their day: You can count on generosity, compassion and mercy to change outcomes in ways force never could.**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Good friends can address awkwardness without drama. There's no scorekeeping, no silent punishment, no power plays. Disagreements feel resolvable. If tension doesn't threaten the bond, that's maturity. Stability in conflict is a sign of real trust.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Today brightens reputation, starting with the kindness you offer. You'll speak words of encouragement, lift someone's spirits or perform a generous act without announcement. The goodwill released will circle back through admiration.

**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21)
Certain virtues become visible only in contrast to their opposites. We notice goodness because we've encountered harm; we value trust because betrayal exists; sweetness is vivid because bitterness is possible. You deeply appreciate the people and moments that get it right.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22)
The reason it's so important to celebrate small progress is because most meaningful accomplishments arrive through tiny improvements repeated over time. A person who honors each step discovers that momentum becomes a powerful companion.

**LEO** (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Emotions can go off like a faulty smoke alarm, and when that happens, change the battery or disconnect it. This isn't about a real emergency; it's about needing rest or needing to do what fuels you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Real life is no melodrama. The dimple-chinned hero will not show up to save the maiden strapped to the railroad track. However, you still feel like the hero in certain moments, and, in other moments, like the black-hatted villain.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Tell people about your skill. It's marketing. Word will get around, and you'll be top of mind when the need comes up. The better you get at it, the more opportunities you'll have to use this skill for fun and profit.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Feeling comfortable isn't just about liking a situation. It's also about knowing it. A bit of predictability will help you get your grounding in today's scene. You're still learning your role and understanding the energy of the room. Give yourself time.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Greed backfires. Wanting more than one's share tends to collapse the very thing someone hoped to gain. You'll see an example of it and try not to say "I told you so" or "they had it coming," but it's good to know that life is taking care of this.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Ideas move briskly between you, and the bright exchange is a start. You may still be far from the finish line, but in time the results will include such good things as prosperity and friendship.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
No relationship can be one thing, one tone, one purpose because people are multifaceted. So every relationship comes with mixed roles and feelings. The complexity works in your favor when you stay flexible.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
You have skills and also this awareness: so do a lot of people. Your edge today will be in knowing how and when to showcase your skills for maximum impact. Strategic planning will add a layer of interest and excitement to your work.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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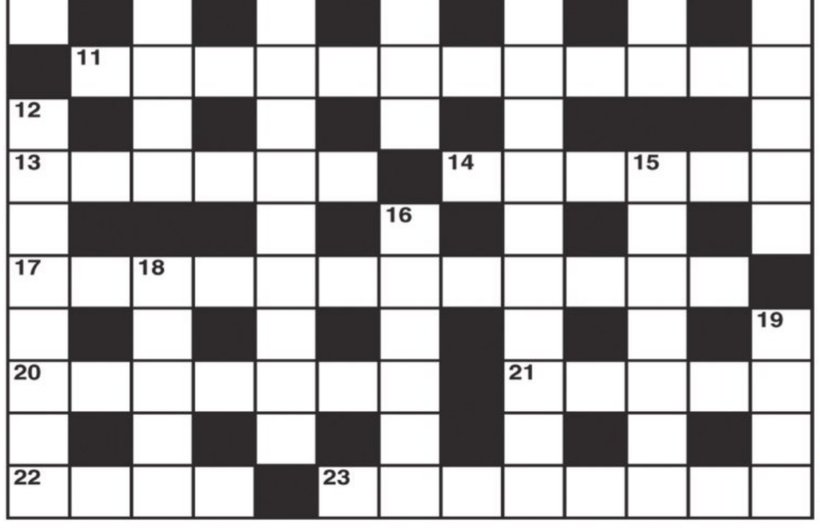

**CROSS WORD**

**ACROSS**

1 Appeals are permissible in a distress signal (8)
5 Audible lines supplied as hints (4)
9 Financial backer with a new angle (5)
10 Twice mother passes round the hat for a teacher (7)
11 Goes ahead and plays the star part (5,3,4)
13 Hitherto a traditional aim of boys and girls (2,4)
14 Give the signal to pass a bottle of wine (6)
17 Form of transport for a pedestrian (12)
20 Once more a good man is in opposition (7)
21 Apathy of the French (5)
22 Superfluous oil well (4)
23 Acts as chairman but shows partiality in advance? (8)

**DOWN**

1 Theatre out east for men only (4)
2 Pull the girl up; one who's falling behind (7)
3 Remembered and phoned for a babysitter (6,2,4)
4 Fruit devoured by automatons (6)
6 Open it up in June having got the tip-off (5)
7 Reputation for being upright (8)
8 Supporters who arouse enthusiasm (12)
12 Allow no openings for substitutes (8)
15 Obtained no grade sadly and complained (7)
16 One who docks a sailing ship (6)
18 Kingdom not fancied by many (5)
19 A girl to avoid (4)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Petit four, 8 Usual, 9 Medical, 10 Pebble, 11 Editor, 12 Arms race, 15 Reporter, 18 Rector, 20 Wealth, 21 Cameras, 22 Rider, 23 Eccentric.

**Down:** 2 Emend, 3 Idiots, 4 Flagrant, 5 Rulers, 6 Bugbear, 7 Blue peter, 11 Extra work, 13 Marriage, 14 Upwards, 16 Retire, 17 Accent, 19 Okapi.

**JUMBLE**

**UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.**

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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It would be the most expensive one ever.
Are you sure this isn't a drop cloth?
It's one of his best works.
Is this supposed to be art?
IT SOLD FOR $140 MILLION, BUT TO SOME, POLLOCK'S "NO. 5, 1948" LOOKED LIKE A ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"◯◯◯◯" - ◯◯◯◯◯◯◯

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RIGOR CONGA HUNGRY POTATO
Answer: The clothes that were drying on the line on such a beautiful day enjoyed just — HANGING OUT

Customs officers at Terminal 2 of KIA seized 34.04 kg of hydroponic ganja in a four-day drug bust between March 28 and 31. The seized contraband is valued at Rs 11.9 crore, according to Bengaluru Customs. In all four cases, the drugs were concealed in checked-in baggage. Nine passengers, all arriving from Bangkok, were involved

# Registrar arrested following sexual harassment allegations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

REGISTRAR (Nursing) of Karnataka State Nursing Council (KSNC), Dr K Mallu, was arrested following a sexual harassment complaint by a 26-year-old woman employee of KSNC.

Mallu was remanded in judicial custody. He is accused of demanding sexual favours from the complainant by making unsolicited advances. The alleged sexual harassment is said to have happened between March 16 and March 25 inside his official chamber.

The victim has been working with KSNC for the last three years. The complaint was filed on March 26.

Mallu is accused of touching the complainant inappropriately and behaving indecently by commenting about her dress. He also told her that he liked her and she should cooperate with him in all ways and that he would support her. He is also accused of holding her hand and kissing. He also invited her to his house telling her not to be nervous and to stay comfortable, saying that if she was comfortable, he would be comfortable too. He is also accused of forcibly hugging her and also repeatedly calling her when she was on leave.

"Out of fear, the complainant has claimed that she went home and informed her family members. Mallu is accused of inappropriate behavior, including kissing the victim's hands, touching her cheek, and threatening her not to disclose the matter," said an officer.

A case of sexual harassment involving physical contact (BNS 75(2)), stalking (BNS 78(2)), act intended to insult the modesty of a woman (BNS 79) and criminal intimidation have been registered against Mallu by the Upparpet police.

INSPECTOR IN DOCK

# HC orders release of seized Lamborghini

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DIRECTING the release of the Lamborghini Huracan that was seized by Ranjith N, senior motor vehicle inspector, Bengaluru South, without following due procedure, the Karnataka High Court directed the State government to initiate a departmental inquiry against him for misconduct. Ranjith had allegedly barged into the car owner's house when he was out of town, and handed the vehicle to Yelahanka New Town police station on February 7 for allegedly evading tax.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order recently, partly allowing the petition filed by the car owner, questioning the registration of the crime with Kodigehalli police station.

Also, the court noted that the undertaking furnished by the State Public Prosecutor that those responsible for deletion of data of the vehicle in the Regional Transport Office, should be brought to book and the inquiry report be placed. The court said the action taken by Ranjith has left the procedure stipulated in law topsy-turvy. Such conduct betrays a manifest and egregious abuse of authority.

At the same time, the court quashed the FIR registered against car owner H1 Car Care, represented by J Ramakrishnaiah, on charges of cheating and forgery in registration of the vehicle for allegedly evading tax of Rs 60.08 lakh. The vehicle is neither stolen nor unlawfully possessed. It is a duly registered vehicle, taken from the custody of its registered owner, without adherence to any prescribed procedure.

However, Ranjith committed legal harakiri by disregarding the governing provisions; the quashing of the crime will not operate as a licence to the car owner to escape liability, if any, under the law. Liberty is thus reserved to the state to proceed afresh, strictly in accordance with law and with due observance of procedural safeguards, the court said.

## BFC appoints Medeira as head of Youth dvpt

Bengaluru: Bengaluru FC appointed Savio Medeira as the club's Head of Youth Development. He has two decades of experience in coaching, technical development, and coaching education. He previously also served in multiple roles with the Indian Senior Men's National Team, including stints as Head Coach and Assistant Coach, and was part of the setup that won the SAFF Championship (2011), Nehru Cup, and AFC Challenge Cup. "BFC have done a remarkable job building this pathway, and all credit goes to everyone who has worked to make this possible. When I look at where the U14s, U16s, U18s and the Reserve Team are right now, the progression is organic," he said. **ENS**

# Wife, 2 others held for man's murder in Kodagu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madikeri

THREE persons, including the victim's wife, have been arrested by Shanivarsanthe police in connection with the murder of a 34-year-old man, whose body was found buried in a coffee estate in Kodagu. The body of Puneeth, a native of Sakleshpur, was found in Hemmane village near Shanivarsanthe in Somwarpet taluk. The accused have been identified as Rathna, Puneeth's wife, Parvathamma, Rathna's mother and Rathna's alleged lover Praveen.

Police said Puneeth and Rathna were living in Yasaluru in Hassan district. About a year ago, Rathna reportedly developed a relationship with her distant relative Praveen and later moved to Hemmane village to live with him.

On March 29, Puneeth is said to have visited Rathna's residence, where an argument broke out. During the altercation, he was allegedly assaulted by the trio and succumbed to his injuries at the house.

In an attempt to cover up the crime, the accused allegedly shifted the body to a nearby coffee estate and buried it.

The case came to light after Puneeth's sister filed a missing person complaint. During the investigation, police traced the body and took the three accused into custody. A murder case has been registered.

FESTIVE FERVOUR

Migrant banjaras take part in the traditional Gouri Sasi festival in a Gadag village. The community members follow a tradition of returning to their hometowns after a few days of Ugadi | EXPRESS

## Asked to pay bill, customers assault hotel owners

Bengaluru: A 40-year-old hotelier and his brother were attacked after asking customers to clear their bill at New Rolls Darbar hotel on Muthyalamma Street in Doddaballapura on Sunday. According to police, the accused abused the complainant when the bill was presented. They refused to pay, left the premises, and later returned with associates, attempting to ransack the hotel. When the brothers intervened, the accused attacked them with iron rods. Both victims were hospitalised. Passersby shifted them to Doddaballapura Government Hospital for treatment. Hotel owner Syed Firoz filed a complaint. His brother, Syed Afroz (30), was also injured in the assault. The brothers are residents of Doddaballapura. Doddaballapura Rural police have registered a case. "The accused have been identified as Nanda, Abhi and their associates. Some of them have been detained," a police officer said.

EXPRESS READ

## HOSMAT hosps honours cop for saving man's life

Bengaluru: HOSMAT Hospitals on Wednesday honoured Sridhar Murthy, Head Constable at Yelahanka Police Station, with its Good Samaritan Award for saving the life of a 38-year-old man who attempted suicide on railway tracks near RMZ Galleria in Bengaluru. Responding swiftly to a control room alert while on "Cheetah" patrol, Murthy located the man in an intoxicated state on the tracks and pulled him to safety just five minutes before an oncoming train. He also counselled the individual, ensuring immediate safety and emotional support. Instituted in 2001 by the late Dr Thomas Chandy, Founder, Chairman, Managing Director and Chief of Orthopaedics at HOSMAT Hospitals, the Good Samaritan Award recognises individuals who step forward in critical moments to assist accident victims and people in distress. Each awardee receives a certificate of appreciation, a shawl and a cash prize of ₹20,000 in recognition of their selfless service. Speaking on the occasion, Anisha Chandy Eckardt, Managing Director, HOSMAT Hospitals, said, "The Good Samaritan Award stands for a simple but powerful idea, that every life is worth saving and every individual has the power to make a difference."

## Ensure smooth conduct of census: Civic chiefs

BENGALURU: With the launch of self-enumeration for Population Census - 2027 in GBA limits, a meeting to review the preparations made for the exercise was held by Bengaluru East City and Bengaluru North City corporations. The commissioners issued strict directions to officials to complete all tasks. They directed the enumerators to complete the House Listing Block Code (HLBC) demarcation process in 24 hours, list all pending HLBCs due to technical glitches, create supervisory blocks under each in-charge officer's jurisdiction, distribute appointment orders for census staff through respective nodal officers. The commissioners told the officers to ensure census is conducted in a smooth and timely manner.


**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता सा.नि.वि. वृत, जैसलमेर**

क्रमांक:-अ.अ / जैसल/2025-26/3631 दिनांक: 24.03.2026

**निविदा सूचना संख्या 11/2025-26**
**NIB No.. PWD2526A6288**

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से Construction of Various BT Road under CM Thar BADP Pkg No. RJ-17-01/CM Thar BADP 2025-26 हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों / केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण/ डाक एवम् दूर संचार विभाग / रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 01 कार्य जिनकी लागत राशि रु. 293.00 लाख है के लिए ईटेन्डरिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑन लाईन निविदाये आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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| ऑनलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख | 31 मार्च 2026 प्रात: 9:30 बजे से 20 अप्रैल 2026, सांय 06:00 बजे तक |

निविदा से संबंधित विवरण वेब साईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in व http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in व http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर ऑनलाईन सम्पादित की जायेगी। इच्छुक संवेदको को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से बेवसाईट पर http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है कार्यवार यू.बी.एन. संख्या निम्नानुसार है। 1. PWD2526WSOB26255 (प्रेमसुख जयपाल)

DIPR/C/6217/2026 अधीक्षण अभियंता, सा.नि.वि. वृत जैसलमेर

**BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020

No. BDA/RMP-2041/15/2026-27 Date: 01.04.2026

**Global tender for selection of Agency to provide services for preparation of Revised Master Plan-2041 for Bengaluru Development Authority Local Planning Area**
(Through e-Procurement only)

Bangalore Development Authority intends to prepare Revised Master Plan-2041 for its Local Planning Area and hence, proposes to engage the services of an Agency through e-tender process to provide services for the same.

Tender document containing details of eligibility criteria, scope of work and other terms and conditions may be obtained from the website of e-procurement Department, Government of Karnataka. The last date for submission of tenders at **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in is 30.04.2026 at 5.30 p.m.** BDA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

Helpline / Whatsapp: 9483166622 (24x7) @BDAOfficialGok

**Sd/- Town Planner Member, BDA, Bengaluru**

**Sakthi Finance Limited**
(CIN : L65910TZ1955PLC000145)
Regd. Office : 62, Dr. Nanjappa Road,
Coimbatore - 641 018
**Website :** www.sakthifinance.com

**SHIFTING OF OUR BANGALORE BRANCH**

We hereby inform our customers that our Bangalore Branch, will be shifted to a **new location at Door No.818, 2nd Block, 2nd Cross, Opp Rajkumar Samadhi, Nandini Layout, Bangalore - 560 096** with effect from **27.06.2026.**
**Ph : 93848 25823**

जी आर एस ई GRSE
गार्डन रीच शिपबिल्डर्स एण्ड इंजीनियर्स लिमिटेड
Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited
( भारत सरकार का उपक्रम / A Govt. of India Undertaking)
रक्षा मंत्रालय / Ministry of Defence
पंजीकृत एवं निगमित कार्यालय : जीआरएसई भवन, 61, गार्डन रीच रोड, कोलकाता - 700 024
Registered and Corporate Office : GRSE Bhavan, 61, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata - 700 024
Web: www.grse.in. CIN: L35111WB1934GOI007891

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ONLINE SUBMISSION**
**NIT No.: SCC/AKD/61P/Design Firms/12/EOI-050**
**SUB: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EMPANELLING OF DESIGN FIRMS FOR GRSE**
**Due Date: 21 days from the date of publication**
1. Details will be available in e-procurement portal **https://eprocuregrse.co.in;** Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/** and GRSE website **https://grse.in/tender-published/**
2. Any addendum/corrigendum to this (EOI) including change in dates, if any, will be published in above websites only.
**"In Pursuit of Excellence and Quality in Shipbuilding"**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,**
**DAVANAGERE DIVISION, DAVANAGERE.**

No.EE:PWD:Dvg/JE:IFT-54:2025-26 Dated:- 31.03.2026

**SHOR TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Ref : This office tender notification No. IFT-54/2025-26 dated : 31.03.2026.

The works under Head of Account 5054-03-337-0-17-154-SH Improvements 1 work amount Rs. 500.00 lakhs pertaining to Davangere sub division under the Jurisdiction of PWD, Davanagere division has been called for the tenders (Indent no. 32214-CALL-2 ) from registered Contractors in KPWD for the above works through KPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules. Tender dates are as mentioned below:

**Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 15.04.2026 Time: 16.00**
**Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 16.04.2026 Time: 16.30**

Further details can be obtained from this office in office hours.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 02/2026-27

**Sd/- Executive Engineer PWD, Davanagere.**

**BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION**
**Central Office: Stores & Purchase Department K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560 027**

No: BMTC/CO/COSP/TENDER/01/2026-27 Date: 01.04.2026

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

B.M.T.C invites tender for procurement of the following Goods & Services through KPP Portal:

| Sl. No. | Tender No. | Description | Last Date for Bid Submission in KPPP |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | **Regular Tender** | |
| 1 | BMTC/2025-26/ SE1231 | Selection of Service Provider for Development & Maintenance of Material Management and Vehicle Maintenance Software | 21.04.2026 at 17:00 hrs |
| 2 | BMTC/2026-27/IND0283 | Cold Applied Self Adhesive Polymer Modified Bituminous Composite Membrane with Aluminium Foil at the top Plastic Felt 20Mtrs Length x 1 Mtr width | 21.04.2026 at 17:00 hrs |

The above mentioned tender details can be obtained from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Further, any addendum/corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, other tender terms and conditions etc. will be uploaded /published through KPP-portal only.
**Note:** Interested Bidders need to register in the KPP-portal. For further information visit BMTC Central Office or Logon to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASES**
**(Tender Inviting Authority)**

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**

**E-TENDER NOTICE No: SA-E17-2025-26-W1-W2 dated 31/03/2026**

Divisional Railway Manager/Electrical/Salem Division, Salem -5 for and on behalf of the President of India Invites E-Tender for the under mentioned works. Online bids only will be accepted. For detailed NIT, qualification criteria, bidding document, tender submission etc. can be viewed / downloaded from website portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

| E-Tender Notice No, Date and Name of Work | Details |
|---|---|
| **1) SA-E17-2025-26-W1 dated: 31/03/2026.** Salem Division: Construction of New Terminal building at Erode Railway Station-Electrical arrangements. | Approx. cost- ₹1,35,35, 111.00/- EMD - ₹2,70,700/- Completion Period-6 Months. |
| **2) SA-E17-2025-26-W2 dated: 31/03/2026.** Augmentation of Goods Shed lines (Rd.6 & 7) to full length with CC Unloading pavement between Rd.6&7 for about 300m at Peelamedu (PLMD) Railway Station - Electrical Arrangements. | Approx. cost- ₹48,14,106/- EMD - ₹96,300/- Completion Period-6 Months. |
| **For all the works Closing Time & Date** | **15.00 hrs. on 23.04.2026** |
| **For all the works Bids Opening Time & Date** | **15.30 hrs. on 23.04.2026** |

All Addendum / Corrigendum, Time extension, Clarifications, etc. will be uploaded in the website portal **www.ireps.gov.in** only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

**Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical) / Salem**
**Southern Railway, Salem - 636 005**

आपणी मेट्रो
**GUJARAT METRO RAIL CORPORATION (GMRC) LIMITED**
(SPV of Govt. of India and Govt. of Gujarat)
Block No.1, First Floor, Karmayogi Bhavan, Sector 10/A, Gandhinagar: 382010, Gujarat. (CIN): U60200GJ2010SGC059407

**TENDER NOTIFICATION No.: GMRC/DDC/ELEV-VDCT+STNS/PH-3A/2026**
**Dated : 02.04.2026**

E-Tenders are invited from reputed and experienced consultant for the following tender :

| Tender Name | Tender Fees |
|---|---|
| **Detailed Design Consultancy Services for "Metro Corridor from Thaltej Gam to Godhavi, Elevated Viaduct, Elevated Station (8 Stations) Including Viaduct Portion within the Stations and Transition Spans on Either Side of the Stations (Phase-3A)" of Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project, Phase - 3** | **INR 25,000/-** |

Interested bidders are requested to visit **https://tender.nprocure.com** for eligibility criteria, applying/ downloading the tender document from **09.04.2026** onwards. **Last date and time for Bid Submissions is 15:00 Hrs on 18.05.2026.**

Any alterations in Eligibility Criteria and terms of the Tender Document, or any amendment to the Tender Document, etc, will be uploaded on **https://tender.nprocure.com** and GMRC's Website **www.gujaratmetrorail.com** without any obligation or press notification or other proclamation.

**MD, GMRC**
**Gandhinagar**

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**

For and on behalf of President of India, Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, Southern Railway, Chennai -03, invites e-tender for the following work. The tender shall be submitted online upto **15.00** hrs on **04.05.2026** through website **www.ireps.gov.in**

Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored and summarily rejected. Bidders are requested to go through the details such as pre-bid conference, submission of original documents, Bid security etc. in the attached tender documents.

EMD and Tender forms cost (TFC) are to be paid online through IREPS portal (**www.ireps.gov.in**) and no manual payment will be accepted for this tender.

| S No. | Tender No. | Name of the work | App. Cash value (₹) | Earnest Money Deposit (₹) | Period of Completion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | E28III-Solar-Land-RESCO-2 | Setting up of Land based Solar Power Plant over Southern Railway under Developer (RESCO) mode | ₹ 521,48,54,656.00/- | ₹ 4,27,20,000.00/- | 240 days |

Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) and the tender documents are available in the website **www.ireps.gov.in** and the tenderers are advised to refer the same. Tenderers are also advised to quote their rates inclusive of GST.

**Chief Electrical General Engineer,**
**O/o Principal Chief Electrical Engineer,**
**Chennai-600003**

**KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD**
**3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.**

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Through KPP portal)**

Notification No. **CE/AEF-Chunchanakuppe/High Tech Multi-storeyed Apartment/KHB/2025-26/SE0372, Date: 26.03.2026.**

Karnataka Housing Board has invited tenders through KPP portal for Appointment of Architectural Engineering Firm (AEF) for the work of Construction of High-Tech Multi-storied Apartment including Club House, Swimming Pool, Gym, Library, Indoor Stadium in **Sy.No. 22/3 at an extent of 2 Acre 17 Guntas in Chunchanakuppe, Dodda Aladamarada road, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.**

Last date for submission of bid is on **15.04.2026 upto 4.00 pm.**

For further information, contact below mentioned Office Address:
**Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board,**
**Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.**
**Telephone No.: 080-22273511**
**Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/YC/10/2026-27 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, KHB, Bengaluru**

**JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK**
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
**Registered Office:** The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

**NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY**

**SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)**

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken over **Physical Possession** of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act.

The Authorized Officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.

Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

**Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:**

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 100% of the sale consideration on the expiry of publication of this notice.
3. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount if any paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest with in the stipulated time.
4. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
5. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
6. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
7. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act / Rules.

| Sr. No. | Loan Account Number | Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrowers | Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act. | Reserve Price for Private Treaty |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 32999440000244 | 1) M/s. S Kumar, 2) Mrs. Bhagya | **Rs.5,63,789/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nine only) **due as on 13.07.2021** | **Rs.4,00,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs Only) |
| | | **Details of Secured Assets:** All that piece and parcel of the Site No.10, Assessment No.3/2 and 39/2, (Old Assessment No.38 & 39) Sondekappa Village, (Dasegowdana Palya) Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 40ft and North to South on the Eastern side 48ft and on the Western side 42.5ft totally measuring 1810 sq.ft and **Bounded on the: West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.11, **East by:** Road. | | |

The aforesaid Borrower's/ Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets.

**Correspondence Address: Mr. Kaushik B (Mob. No.7019949040), Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362952653), Mr. Umesh (Mob. No.8050149617), Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, (formerly known as M/s. Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.), having Office The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

**Date: 01.04.2026, Place: Bangalore** **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

In a major boost to regional connectivity in North and Central Karnataka, a new flight service connecting Hubballi, Bengaluru and Hyderabad is set to commence from the second week of April by the new budget airline Fly91

# Prez lauds services of Shivakumara Swami, state role in nation-building

Murmu also commends Siddaganga Mutt for carrying forward the seer's proud legacy

**DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI** @ Tumakuru

Sri Siddalinga Swamiji presents a statue of Lord Basavanna to President Droupadi Murmu at Siddaganga Mutt on Wednesday

PRESIDENT Droupadi Murmu lauded the services of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji on the occasion of the 119th birth anniversary of the seer at the Siddaganga Mutt on Wednesday.

Murmu said the seer had followed the 'kayakave kailasa' (work is worship) philosophy of the 12th century social reformer Basavanna in true spirit and expressed confidence that Karnataka will continue to contribute towards nation-building. The event started with the chant, 'Om Namah Shivaya', three times, with the audience joining in. The President began her address in Kannada, greeting the audience, 'sahodara, sahodariye' and concluded it with the exhortation, 'Jai Karnataka.'

"Karnataka offers some of the most impressive examples of public service, national service, spirituality, and modernity. For this, the hardworking and talented residents of Karnataka deserve congratulation. I am confident that Karnataka will continue to advance as a leading centre for nation-building," she said.

"Saints like Sri Shivakumar Swamiji embody the soul of our society and nation. His physical body merged with the Supreme Being in 2019, but his spiritual stream will continue to nourish the society and the nation forever. His life, dedicated to serving the poor and the marginalized, is a remarkable example of spirituality expressed through welfare work", she remarked.

She commended the Mutt for carrying forward the Swamiji's legacy of good deeds, the efforts to provide free food, shelter and education to a large number of rural people and felt pleased to learn that education is available from primary school to higher education in engineering and management by establishing numerous institutions.

She observed that the Mutt had been following the ideals of Basavanna, who centuries ago, set the example of a democratic system of functioning based on universal participation preaching 'Dayave Dharmada Mulvayya (compassion is the basis of all faiths).

While mentioning the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram,' she recalled that Rashtrakavi Kuvempu's 'Karnataka Geete' describes Mother Karnataka as the daughter of Mother India. "That immortal song, 'Jai Bharat Jananiya Tanujate, Jai Hey Karnataka Mate,' awakens a sense of pride for Karnataka and national unity in the hearts of all countrymen," she said.

### Protocol disarray delays President's arrival on stage

Murmu's arrival on the dais was delayed due to confusion over seating arrangements. Seating was provided to the present head of the Mutt Sri Siddalinga Swamiji next to the President, on her left. Even as Union Minister of State for Railways and Jalshakti V Somanna insisted on the same, the protocol officers did not accede to it. Only after the protocol was maintained the governor went to receive the President. Seats were kept for Union Cabinet Minister Pralhad Joshi, Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara and Women and Child Welfare Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar on the President's left. On the right, seats were given to Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, V Somanna, Industries Minister MB Patil and Sri Siddalinga Swamiji. Organisers had assumed that the protocol would be similar to that maintained during the visit of Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan on January 21.

### Modi, Shah pay tributes

PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday paid tributes to Sri Shivakumara Swamiji on the occasion of his 119th birth anniversary.

"On the occasion of his Jayanti, paying tributes to His Holiness Dr Sree Sree Sree Sivakumara Swamigalu. He stands in collective memory as an embodiment of compassion, humility and unwavering service to humanity. Through a lifetime dedicated to uplifting others, he demonstrated that true greatness lies in serving others," PM Modi stated on social media platform X.

"His remarkable contributions across education, social welfare and spirituality have left an enduring imprint on society. Even today, his life continues to guide and inspire countless individuals to walk the path of selflessness and service," the PM added.

Modi also shared a Sanskrit Subhashitam emphasising altruism and service, underlining the saint's philosophy of living for the welfare of others.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah described the swamiji as a revered saint who dedicated his life to compassion and education. He said the legacy of the Siddaganga Mutt remains an enduring inspiration for selfless service.

### India unaffected by West Asia crisis, says Joshi

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi claimed that prices of petrol and diesel are stable in India despite the West Asia crisis. Speaking at the 119th birth anniversary of Sri Shivakumara Swamji at Siddaganga Mutt, Joshi attributed India's peace and prosperity to the contribution of the country's spiritual leaders. "Peace, prosperity, and culture are fostered by revered swamijis. That is why today, even when there is problems all over the world, there are no such issues in India. While there are issues with fuel prices, and concerns about where rockets and missiles might be coming from in other places, India remains a land where dharma continues to thrive," he said. "Former PM Vajpayeeji had said while the Ganges washes away the sins, Siddaganga Mutt removes darkness of poverty for lakhs of people... politicians may rule the country, but people like Sri Shivakumara Swamiji lead the society and its people towards progress," he said.

### DEVOTEE DIES IN SIDDAGANGA MUTT

A former student of the Siddaganga Mutt collapsed and died on Wednesday. The incident took place behind 'gadduge' of the swamiji. The deceased Nataraju (60), hailed from Tayur village near Nanjangud in Mysuru district. He had come to the mutt along with his friends on Tuesday night. Nataraju collapsed while going to the washroom and died on the spot. Nataraju had undergone a surgery sometime ago, according to sources. The Kyathasandra police are investigating.

# CM slams BJP, says K'taka budget better than Centre's

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Davanagere

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday claimed that the Karnataka budget presented by him is better than the Union budget.

Hitting out at the BJP for slamming his budget, Siddaramaiah termed the saffron party's criticism of his budget as one made for political gain.

Addressing reporters in Davanagere after campaigning for Congress candidate Samarth Shamanur, the CM said, "There are two economic theories in the world— one that supports the elite and the other that supports the needy. Congress believes in the principle of universal basic income and is providing benefits to the lower classes."

Taking a dig at the Opposition BJP, he said the party opposes pro-people schemes of his government, including the five guarantees, which aims at empowering the poor.

"We have spent Rs 1,31,000 crore on the guarantee schemes so far. In Davanagere South constituency alone, the government has spent Rs 535 crore. The benefits reach the beneficiaries directly without intermediaries. Then how can you (BJP) allege there is corruption in the implementation of the guarantees?" he asked.

Expressing confidence that the Congress will win the by-polls in Davanagere South and Bagalkot by a huge margin, the CM said that the contributions of Congress leaders Shamanur Shivashankarappa and HY Meti will help party candidates win. Hitting out at the BJP for saying that the Congress government has pushed the state into a debt trap, the CM said that the saffron party government in the past borrowed more. "During its tenure, the BJP borrowed more than Rs 5,30,000 crore till March 2023. We have borrowed Rs 2,56,000 crore in the last four years. Similarly, when PM Modi came to power in 2014, the country's debt stood at Rs 53.11 lakh crore. Now there is a debt of Rs 218 lakh crore. This indicates that the BJP government has borrowed more at the national and state levels," Siddaramaiah said.

Reacting to state BJP president BY Vijayendra's demand for a white paper on the state's economic situation, the CM said that there were extensive discussions on the budget in the recent session, and a long answer has already been given. While the country's GDP is 7.14%, the state's GDP is comfortably placed at 8.1%, he said, adding that the size of the state's budget this time has increased by 9.4% compared to last year. "The state is second in the country in GST collection, and the state is also second in capital investment. The BJP is indulging in baseless statements only for politics," he said, taking a dig at the PM over the Indian Rupee hitting a record low against the US Dollar. On criticisms that the Congress has fielded candidates belonging to political families, the CM questioned if there was no dynasts in the BJP and JDS. "In Congress, a ticket is given only to children of deceased leaders," he said.

> **There are two economic theories— one that supports the elite and the other the needy. Congress believes in the principle of universal basic income and is providing benefits to poor** — Siddaramaiah, CM

# Cong: NDA presiding over durbar of price rise

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Bengaluru

AICC general secretary in-charge of Karnataka **Randeep Singh Surjewala**, KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday blamed the BJP-led NDA government for price rise, which has burdened the people. The BJP, which came to power promising achhe din, has been presiding over a durbar of price rise. Prime Minister Modi and other BJP leaders must introspect in this regard before seeking votes now, they said in a statement.

Stating that prices of commercial LPG have crossed Rs 2,000 per cylinder and of domestic LPG Rs 913, they termed it a loot. In just 45 days, prices were increased thrice. On Tuesday, commercial LPG prices stood at Rs 1,958 per cylinder and on Wednesday, they touched Rs 2,000. In March alone, domestic LPG prices were hiked twice. The shortage of LPG has forced people to buy cylinders in black market, they said.

The leaders criticised the Union government over the new railway ticket cancellation rules, ATM withdrawal charges, hike in stock market transaction tax and rising costs of goods such as ACs, refrigerators, edible oil and cement

(Above) CM Siddaramaiah campaigns for Congress candidate Samarth Shamanur in Davanagere on Wednesday; (Top) Deputy CM DK Shivakumar relishes benne dose in Davanagere. He was accompanied by minister KH Muniyappa | EXPRESS

### DISCLOSE DATA ON LOANS, BOMMAI CHALLENGES CM

DAVANAGERE: HAVERI MP and former CM **Basavaraj Bommai** on Wednesday said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is a "record-holder" when it comes to borrowing, and demanded that all records showing how much debt was incurred during different tenures be made public. "If we had borrowed Rs 50,000 crore during our time, they have borrowed Rs 1.4 lakh crore during their tenure. They themselves have presented this in the budget. Now, during elections, they are making false claims," he alleged. He further added that such a situation should not have arisen for a Chief Minister, and emphasised that discussions should be based on facts rather than concealing the truth. **ENS**

# CS, Saleem kick off Census with self-enumeration

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Bengaluru:

IN a push to make India's first digital Census more accessible and participatory, Karnataka Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh on Wednesday completed her self-enumeration for the upcoming Census 2027 using her mobile phone, setting an encouraging example for citizens across the state. The self-enumeration facility, introduced as part of the National Census 2027 exercise, allows individuals to submit their household details online through the official portal https://se.census.gov.in

It marks a modernisation of the census process, enabling faster and more convenient data collection ahead of enumerator visits. Shalini urged all those living in Karnataka to register their information between April 1 and April 15, on the portal. She explained that the process is user-friendly and takes just a few minutes using a mobile number and OTP verification, and is designed to be simple, user-friendly and secure.

Taking to social media, the chief secretary explained that after completion, users receive a unique Self-Enumeration ID -- SE ID -- which they can share with Census enumerators during house-to-house visits from April 16 to May 15. This helps streamline verification and allows for any necessary corrections. She said that those without personal devices can use nearby computer centres or even a neighbour's or friend's mobile device to complete the process and obtain Self Enumeration IDs. The chief secretary described the Census, the eighth since Independence, as a nation-building exercise, and explained that accurate data will aid policymaking in key areas such as health, education, housing and infrastructure, ensuring better resource allocation and development.

"Your participation is not just a duty -- it is a valuable input to the progress of Karnataka," she explained. "Accurate information will lay the foundation for better policies and services in future." She appealed to people to complete the self-enumeration within the stipulated window so no one is left out.

At the event, Census Director Ramachandran briefed Shalini Rajneesh on the operational details of the self-enumeration system. In a parallel development, Karnataka DG&IGP MA Saleem completed self-enumeration on Wednesday using his mobile. He echoed the call for widespread participation, describing the process as extremely simple and secure. On concerns about safety, Saleem assured citizens that they can submit their details without any apprehension, and said the portal has robust data protection measures.

### KALABURAGI PALIKE MOURNS KHAMENEI

KALABURAGI: Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike's unanimous decision to mourn Iranian leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in a special general body meeting held on Tuesday has triggered a controversy. Councillor Sayeeda Noor Fatima Jaidi moved the resolution mourning Khamenei's death. The resolution was supported by all members present, including Mayor Varsha Jane and Commissioner of Palike Avinash Sindhe, who observed a two-minute silence. The BJP members, too, backed the resolution. Shiva Sene state President Sri Siddalinga Swamiji, the pontiff of Karuneshwara Mutt of Andola, however, condemned it. He said many Iranian citizens have died due to wrongdoings of Khamenei. When the Parliament and State Assembly did not mourn the death of Khamenei, why is KMP mourning the death of Khamenei? he asked. **ENS**

'RESPONSIBLE USE'

# Draft policy to address excessive digital use by children ready

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Wednesday said that the State Government has prepared a draft policy to address excessive and unsafe digital use by children. The aim is not to ban, but to promote its responsible use.

"We cannot restrict children from using it. But we can guide them, involve parents, and start conversations. This is about awareness, not punishment," he said.

The draft policy, prepared in collaboration with NIMHANS, states that nearly one in four adolescents show signs of problematic Internet use. It highlights links between excessive screen time and anxiety, sleep disturbances, poor academic performance, and social isolation. It flags growing exposure to cyber risks such as cyberbullying, grooming, and online exploitation.

The draft policy framers have adopted a multi-stakeholder approach, involving parents, teachers, schools and government systems.

"Children are getting exposed at a very young age. We need to raise awareness among them and their families about the benefits and risks of technology," Rao said.

He clarified that restrictions on social media platforms for children cannot be implemented at the state-level alone. It requires national-level regulation involving platform providers.

Key measures include integrating digital wellness with school curricula, setting recreational screen-time limits of up to one hour a day, and training teachers to identify early signs of digital addiction using models such as "5C" framework, craving, control, compulsion, coping and consequences. Schools will also be encouraged to establish digital wellness committees, promote offline activities, and create structured referral systems for counselling and mental health support.

The draft is in the public domain and feedback from stakeholders, including parents, educators and students, will be considered before framing the final policy.

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Bangalore Hospice Trust -- Karunashraya launched the Kannada edition of its caregiver series, "Moments That Matter", in Bengaluru on Wednesday. The 17-module animation-based series offers practical guidance for home-based care of advanced-stage cancer patients, aiming to strengthen caregiver support and accessibility across Karnataka. Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao inaugurated the edition. It is expected to expand access across Karnataka, strengthening caregiver support and improving the quality of home-based palliative care. All videos are available on Karunashraya's YouTube channel.

> **Children get exposed at a very young age. We need to raise awareness among them and their families about the benefits and risks of technology**
>
> Dinesh Gundu Rao, Min

Two persons drowned after a fishing boat capsized in the Phalguni River early Wednesday morning under the jurisdiction of Kavoor Police Station. The deceased have been identified as Ganesh (28) and Royal (24), both residents of Kunjathbail

# 2-YR-OLD KILLED AS BUS PLOUGHS INTO CROWD AT HAVERI BUS STAND

## Driver suspected to have lost control of the bus, flees scene after accident

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Haveri

A GOVERNMENT bus rammed into commuters waiting on a platform at the Haveri Central Bus Stand on Tuesday, killing a two-year-old boy and injuring several others. The incident has raised serious concerns over passenger safety at the facility.

Eyewitnesses said immediately after entering the premises, the bus veered off course and sped towards a crowded platform. Panic-striken commuters scrambled to escape, but the vehicle rammed into the crowd. The boy died on the spot. Several injured persons, including women and elderly passengers, were rushed to the district hospital, where some are said to be in a critical condition.

Police said the driver might have lost control of the vehicle, even as the exact cause of the accident is under investigation. The driver allegedly fled the scene immediately after the incident, triggering outrage among the public.

Police teams arrived at the spot shortly after the mishap and have launched a manhunt for the absconding driver. A case has been registered at the Town Traffic Police Station, and the sleuths are examining the CCTV footage from the bus stand.

District officials and transport authorities have visited the site and assured strict action against those responsible. They also announced compensation for the victim's family and medical assistance for the injured.

The incident has sparked anger among commuters, who have demanded improved safety measures on the premises and stricter monitoring of drivers to prevent such incidents in the future.

**LPG WOES**

Workers sort LPG cylinders amid the ongoing supply crunch, in Chikkamagaluru, on Wednesday. The price of a commercial 19kg cylinder has been increased by Rs 195.50 across India | PTI

### *BTP conducts study on addressing city's traffic challenges*

Bengaluru: To address the growing traffic congestion and road safety challenges in the city, the Bengaluru Traffic Police, in collaboration with the Institute of Road Traffic Education (IRTE) and Diageo India, conducted a study of traffic conditions at key intersections. As part of the initiative, a two-day training programme was conducted on March 31 and April 1 for traffic personnel at the Traffic Management Centre (TMC) on Infantry Road, focusing on traffic engineering fundamentals, road safety audit practices and effective implementation of traffic regulations. Three major junctions—Chalukya Circle, Cantonment Railway Station Junction and H Siddaiah Circle—were selected. A scientific and data-driven approach was adopted to analyse traffic volume, road-user behaviour and safety parameters. The study also included on-ground research, traffic flow tracking and assessment of measures to enhance operational efficiency and capacity.

# BCU to retain convocation dress code; khadi shift awaits nod

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

WITH Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University set to host its fifth annual convocation on April 4, the dress code for students, the Chancellor (Governor), the Higher Education Minister, teaching faculty, syndicate members, and the administration will remain unchanged this year.

BCU Vice-Chancellor Ramesh B said that a proposal to introduce khadi-based attire in line with Indian traditions is still awaiting government approval.

"In the previous vice-chancellors' meeting, it was decided to change the dress code across all state universities by introducing khadi and aligning it with Indian traditions. However, the government is yet to issue an official order and obtain the Governor's assent, as he is the Chancellor of all universities," he said.

He added that this year's convocation will follow last year's dress code. "Girls and boys must wear white clothes, saree or churidhar for girls, and kurta, shirt and trousers for boys."

Following discussions at last month's vice-chancellors' meeting, the department constituted a committee to submit recommendations. The panel is yet to present its report. There are plans to introduce sarees for women and kurta-pyjamas for men. Earlier, the University Grants Commission directed universities across the country to shift to handwoven materials for convocations.

Ramesh said that from next year, British-style gowns, robes and caps are expected to be replaced with attire reflecting Indian traditions. "Some universities have already adopted khadi and done away with robes," he said.

Last year, more than 32,000 students received undergraduate degrees and over 7,000 earned postgraduate degrees. A similar trend is expected this year.

# First cadaveric kidney transplant in S'mogga hosp

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

NU Hospitals, Shivamogga, has performed the first cadaveric kidney transplant in the Malnad region, marking a significant step towards decentralising advanced healthcare services.

The donor organ was retrieved from a brain-dead patient at Father Muller Hospital after the family consented to organ donation. The recipient, a 71-year-old patient with a history of ischemic heart disease, underwent a complex and high-risk procedure that lasted several hours overnight. The surgery was led by Dr Pradeepa MG along with a multidisciplinary team. Doctors noted that cadaveric transplants are often unpredictable due to vascular compatibility challenges and the recipient's pre-existing conditions.

Post-operative recovery has been gradual. The patient initially experienced delayed graft function, commonly seen in cadaveric transplants, but has shown steady improvement over the past two weeks.

Doctors involved in the procedure, including Dr Praveen Malavade, Dr Pradeepa MG, Dr Karthik S, and Dr Akash J, said the transplant marks a milestone for the institution and highlights the need to build awareness on organ donation. They noted that increased participation in organ donation programmes, supported by coordination with transplant authorities, is crucial to addressing organ shortages and improving access to life-saving procedures in smaller cities.

# Dept's clean chit doesn't rule out filing of criminal case, says HC

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JUSTICE M Nagaprasanna passed the order on March 27, allowing the petition filed by Mysuru-based advocate Ravichandre Gowda NR, seeking to quash the communication issued by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR), rejecting the approval under Section 17A of the Act. Referring to the communication issued rejecting the approval sought by the Lokayukta police, he said it is verbatim similar to the earlier order, except for the statement that Rohini has been exonerated in a departmental enquiry.

The court observed that if any officer is exonerated in a departmental enquiry, it is no law that even the crime cannot be registered. The court said the coordinate bench had already issued a direction to reconsider the matter. Yet, the government has chosen to reiterate its earlier position. Therefore, a further remand would serve no fruitful purpose and, therefore, deems it appropriate to direct the Chief Secretary to accord approval for the registration of the FIR and for the conduct of an investigation in accordance with law, the court ordered.

An order was issued for procurement of 14,71,458 bags, both 5 kg and 10 kg capacity eco-friendly cloth bags, at Rs 52 per bag including GST, at the cost of Rs 7.65 crore, resulting in loss to the state exchequer to the tune of Rs 5.88 crore, the petitioner alleged.

A complaint was lodged by the petitioner, which communicated to the DPAR on December 17, 2021, seeking approval under Section 17A. It was rejected on September 19, 2022. This was challenged by the petitioner in 2025 before the high court. A coordinate bench of the court allowed the same on February 20, 2025, and quashed the said communication and remitted the matter to the government.

However, the DPAR rejected it on May 26, 2025, which was challenged again before the high court by the petitioner.


**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF REVOCATION OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY, SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**

This GPA and SPA are revoked and cancelled, terminated and withdrawn all powers granted to you under the aforementioned GPA via deed of revocation executed on 23.03.2026, Document No.DRJ/GPA/1683/2025-26 and SPA via deed of revocation executed on same date Document No.DRJ/SPA/1682/2025- 26 in its entity with immediate effect.

The said R.Haridoss, S/o Late. T.Raju has no authority to deal with, transfer, mortgage, or sell the property. Any person or entity dealing with the said agent regarding above property hereafter will do so at their own risk, and my client will not be liable for any such transactions.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of Site No.1351, in A Block, bearing BBMP Khata No: 873/1351, transferred vide No. KTR/147/16-17, measuring East to West:50 Feet(15.243 Meters) and North to South:100 Feet [30.480 Meters), in all measuring 5,000 Sq. Feet or 555.55 Square Yards or 464,75 Squares Meters, in the layout formed by Aircraft Employees Co-operative Society Limited in Survey Numbers 6/1, 6/2, 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/4, 8/5, 8/6, 10/1, 10/3, 15/1P, 17P, 18, 19, 21/1, 21/3, 22/1, 22/2, 23/1, 23/2, 23/3, 23/4, 23/5, 23/6, 23/7, 23/8, 23/9, 23/10, 23/11, 23/12, 23/13, 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5, 25/6, 26/1P, 26/3, 27/1A, 27/1B, 27/2, 28/1A, 28/1B, 28/2, 28/3, 28/4, 28/5, 29/2, 30/1, 30/2, 31, 32/2, 32/3, 36, 38, 39, 43/1, 44, 46, 61/1, 61/2, 62, 63, 64, 67/1, 67/2, 67/3, 67/4, 67/6, 68/1, 72/1, 72/2, 72/3, 72/4, 73, 74, 75/1, 75/2, 75/3, 75/4, 75/5, 75/6, 75/7, 75/8, 75/9, 76/1, 76/3, 76/4, 77/1, 77/2, 77/3, 77/4, 77/5, 77/6, 78,79/1, 79/2, 79/3, 79/4, 79/5, 79/6, 79/7, 79/8, 79/9, 80, 81/1, 81/2A, 81/2B, 81/2C, 81/3A, 81/3B, 83, 84, 85, 91/1, 91/2, 94/1, 94/2, 95, 96/IP, 96/2, 96/3, 97/1B, 97/2, 102/1, 102/2, 103/1, 103/3, 103/4, 103/5B, 103/6, 104/2, 105/1P, 105/2, 105/3, 106/1P, 106/2P, 106/3, 106/4, 106/5, 106/6, 109, 111/1 and 111/2 of Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, in the layout plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) as per the order No. BDA/TPM/DD/1263/1992-93, dated: 12.11.1992, together with all rights, appurtenances consisting of Ground + 5 floors building, with first to fourth consisting of 4 flats each and fifth floor consisting of Pent House, totally consisting of 17 Units/flats/house whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface or on the surface, the ground floor Parking Area and bounded on the: **EAST: Site No. 1352, WEST: Site No. 1350, NORTH: Site No. 1324, SOUTH: Road.**

**S. RAVI and S. MARIYAPPAN,** Advocates
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**Government of Karnataka**
**Women & Child Development Department**
**District Child Protection Unit, Vijayapur**

**Publication of E-Procurement Short-term Tender**

Notification has been issued for obtaining e-procurement short-term tender through electronic means as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act (KTPP) 1999 Rules 2000 in order to identify the Human Resource Service for the Govt Home for Boys (Senior), (Junior), Govt Home for Girls, Govt Observation Home, Govt Special Adoption Institution, District Child Welfare Committee and Juvenile Justice Boards Under the Vijayapur District Child Protection Unit on outsourced basis for the year 2026-27. The details of the notification are as follows.

**1)** Tender Opening Date**: 01.04.2026**
**2)** Last Date for Uploading Tender Form Date**: 08.04.2026** Time: **5:00** PM
**3)** Estimated Tender Value **Rs. 1,15,00,000/-**
**4)** EMD to be paid along with tender Amount to be submitted through e-procurement**: Rs.2,30,000/-**
**5)** Date of Openin g of Technical Envelope Date**: 09.04.2026 Time: 05:15 PM**
**6)** Date of Opening of Financial Envelope Date**: 10.04.2026 Time: 05:30 PM**
**7) For more information contact to officer and address, Phone Number:** District Child Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit, Vivek Nagar West, Vijayapur
**Phone No. - 08352-295261.**
**e-mail id: dcpobijapur@gmail.com**
**Website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- District Child Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit, Vijayapur**

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**BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Through Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only)**
**H(Two Cover System: Section-1-Technical Bid and Section-2-Financial Bid)**
**Short Term Tender Notification No 40/2025-26 Dated: 31.03.2026 (Call-1, 2, & Call-3)**

Item rate tenders are invited through Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only on behalf of Governer of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD in Standard Bid document **KW-1, KW-2 & KW-3** form The Total no of works is 1, **H/A : 3054-03-337-0-05-200 SH Maintenance Works** maximum estimated cost is Rs, 19.50 lakhs, The Total no of works is **1, H/A :- 2216-07-053-0-01-200 Qutres Repar Works** maximum estimated cost is Rs, 7.00 lakhs, The Total no of works is 1, **H/A : 2059-80-053-4-00-200 PWD Building Repair Works** maximum estimated cost is Rs, 7.60 lakhs, The Total no of works is **1, H/A :- 4059-80-051-0-60-132 CM Infrastructure Development Projects - Capital Expenditures Works** maximum estimated cost is Rs, 100.00 lakhs, **AND** The Total no of works is **1, H/A :-4059-80-051-0-06 SCP Works** maximum estimated cost is Rs, 100.00 lakhs, Further changes in this Notification will be Published in Kppp.karnataka.gov.in Only. Date of events as follows:

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| 1 | Date and Time for downloading the tender document from the Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal | From 31.03.2026 to 09.04.2026 upto 16.30 Hrs. |
| 2 | Pre-Bid Meeting Date | 06.04.2026 in Division Office Meeting Hall at 11.00 AM |
| 3 | downloading the tender document from the Last Date and Time | 09.04.2026 Up to 16.30 Hrs. |
| 4 | Date & Time for opening of Technical bid | 10.04.2026 after 16.30 Hrs. |
| 5 | Date & Time for opening of Financial bid | 13.04.2026 Morninge 11.00 AM |

More information can be had from the web site: **https://www.Kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & Any other details required can be obtained from office of the under signed during office hours.

**Sd/-**
**Executive Engineer,**
**PWD Division,**
**Chamarajanagar.**

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**SALE NOTICE**

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM -1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **21.04.2026 (11.00 AM TO 12.00 PM),** for recovery of **Rs. 60,28,388.80 (Rupees Sixty Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight, Paise Eighty Only) as on 26.03.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Mr. Vijay Kumar Ravi Kumar,** S/o Ravi Kumar, No.71, Bagur Village, Bagepalli Post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamilnadu-635103. **(2) Mr. Lakshmi Narayana** S/o Mr. Ravi Kumar, No.71, Bagur Village, Bagepalli Post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamilnadu-635103. **(3) Mr. Ravi Kumar B M** S/o Muniswamy No.71, Bagur Village, Bagepalli Post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamilnadu-635103. **(4) Mr. T. Mukunthan (Guarantor)** S/o Thimmarayappa, D No.4/21S Kurubatti, Saragapalli Post, Denkanikottai, Krishnagiri Dist. Tamil Nadu - 635114.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **18.04.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

**(₹.In Lakhs)**

| Lot | Description of the immovable assets | Reserve Price | EMD | Incre -mental Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Grama Natham Sy No. 697, New Natham 697/27 situated at Bagepalli Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamilnadu measuring 110 Sq. Mtr or 1180 Sq. Ft along with RCC Roof Building and bounded East by: Krishnappa House, West by Goopaliyappa house, North by: Papanna House, South by: 3 feet Panchayat Road. | ₹. 56.00 | ₹. 5.60 | ₹. 1.00 |

**Inspection date & time : 10.04.2026, 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.**
**Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.**
**For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, (Ph. No. 08025310066, 7022044933 and 9039609346) during office hours on any working day.**

**Date : 31.03.2026**
**Place: Bengaluru**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Canara Bank**



Government of Karnataka
**OFFICE OF THE TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BHALKI**

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಪುಸಭಾ/ಇಎನ್‌ಜಿ/ಸಿಆರ್– /2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:27.03.2026

**:: TENDER NOTIFCATION ::**

1) Name of work Indent no : 56527, 52646/Call-3, 56864 & 56958, 2) Estimated cost As per kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp, 3) Eligibility of Agency/ Consultant As per kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp, 4) EMD amount As per kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp, 5) Last date for submission of tender **10-04-2026, 4.30 pm,** 6) Technical bid opening **13-04-2026, 4.30 pm,** 7) Financial bid opening **15-04-2026, 5.30 pm,** 8) Address for communication Chief Officer Town Municipal Council Bhalki Pin code 585328 Phone No:8892941328 Email: ka.bhalki.tmc@gmail.com 9) Website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home

DIPR/Bidar/01/KSMC&A/2026-27

**Sd/- CHIEF OFFICER**
**TMC BHALKI**



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**THE TOWN CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD., HOSKOTE**
Head Office : Sahakara Bhavana, K.R. Road, Hosakote - 562 114, Bangalore Rural Dist.

**POSSESSION NOTICE** [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The Town Co-Operatvie Bank Limited., Hoskote** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the following Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest / cost etc,. **within 60 days** from the date of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower under.

**Hosakote Branch**

**1. Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers/Guarantors: (1) Mr. Nagesh H M** S/o Muninarayanappa H M, Kurubarapete, Hoskote-562114, Bangalore Rural District.
**Demand notice dated : 10.06.2025** **Possession Notice Date : 26.03.2026**
**Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.17,80,637/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven Only) as on 03.06.2025** and interest thereon.
**Description of the Immovable Property :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Katha No.1909/1/1626/1423/1069/A-1, measuring East to West 15½ feet and North to South 50 feet out of which measuring 15½ X 13 feet AC sheet House and stone slab roof situated at Kurubarapete, Hoskote Town-562114, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on: East : House and property of Muniyappa, West : 5 feet Road & House of Bathyappa, North : Municipal Therubeedi Road, South: House and Propertyof Nagarajappa.

**Sir M V Extension Branch**

**2. Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers/Guarantors: (1) Mrs. Susheelamma** W/o Narayana M, **(2) Mr. Vijay Kumar N** S/o Narayana M, **Both are residing at :** 2nd Cross, Gayathri Road, Shankarappa Layout, Gangamma Gudi Road, Sir M V Extension, Hoskote Town-562114. **Late Mohan Kumar** S/o Narayana M, Since deceased represented by his legal heirs **Mrs Anitha** W/o Late Mohan Kumar, **Miss. Rakshitha M** D/o Late Mohan Kumar, **(3) Miss Prathiksha M** D/o Late Mohan Kumar, **(3) Master Jeevan M** S/o Late Mohan Kumar, Since minor represented by his legal guardian **Mrs. Anitha** W/o Late Mohan Kumar, **All residing at :** 2nd Cross, Gayathri Road, Shanarappa Layout, Gangamma Gudi Road, Sir M V Extension, Hoskote Town-562114.
**Demand notice dated : 10.06.2025** **Possession Notice Date : 26.03.2026**
**Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs.33,54,105/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand One Hundred Five Only) as on 03.06.2025** and interest thereon.
**Description of the Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing PID No.7-506-58, Old Katha No.977/3089/A-1, New Katha No:4874/3577/977/3089/A-1, Site No.22, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, total measurement 1200 sq. ft. of which therein RCC building Situated at 2nd Cross, Gayathri Road, Shankarappa Layout, 4th Stage, Gangamma Gudi Road, Sir MV Extension, Hoskote Town, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on: East : Road, West : Private Site, North : Shanakrappa's House, South: Site No.23.

**Head Office Branch**

**3. Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers/Guarantors: (1) Mrs. Shobha H N** W/oVasanthakumar H P, **(2) Mr. Madhu H V, Both are residing at :** TG Extension, Hoskote-562114.
**Demand notice dated : 19.07.2024** **Possession Notice Date : 26.03.2026**
Total amount mentioned in the notice: **Rs.52,18,976/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Six Only) as on 04.07.2024** and interest thereon.
**Description of the Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal CMC Katha No.3398/2983/475/2103 and PID No.5-2-39, measuring East to West 30 + 30.7/2 feet and North to South 37.5+28.8/2 feet, totally 1001.55 sq. feet (170.569908 sq. Meters) of Vacant Out of which 59.922435 sq. meters of RCC House building situated at T G Extension, Hoskote Town-562114, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on: East: Property of C Schedule holder HN Chandrakala @ the same Katha Number, West : Road, North : Road, South : Property of Mohammed Shafiulla Afundhi.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on above mentioned dates.
The Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Mortgagers and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **The Town Co-Operatvie Bank Limited., Hoskote** for the amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued thereon cost.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**Date : 26.03.2026**
**Place : Bangalore**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**The Town Co-Operatvie Bank Limited, Hoskote.**

In a major boost to regional connectivity, budget airline Fly91 will start a new flight service connecting Hubballi, Bengaluru and Hyderabad in the second week of April. This comes after Union Minister Pralhad Joshi engaged with airline officials starting the service from Hubballi to Bengaluru and Hyderabad

# Karnataka tops country in snakebite toll, 277 in 3 yrs

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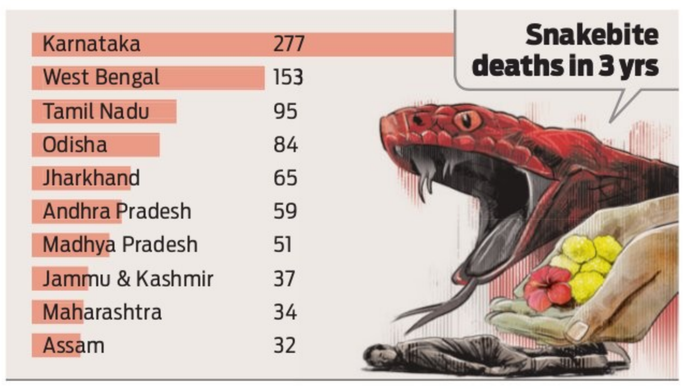


KARNATAKA has emerged as the state with the highest number of snakebite deaths in the country in both 2024 and 2025. Nationally, snakebite deaths reported under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) rose from 183 in 2023 to 370 in 2024 and 431 in 2025, more than doubling in two years. It is worth noting that many snakebite deaths in rural India go unreported entirely, often because victims never reach a healthcare facility or deaths are recorded under other causes.

Replying to an unstarred question from Davanagere MP Dr Prabha Mallikarjun in the Lok Sabha in the ongoing Budget Session of the Parliament, Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Kirti Vardhan Singh said the ministry has issued a communication to all states and union territories, advising them to notify snakebite as a notifiable disease under the respective state.

The figures, drawn from the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) through the Integrated Health Information Portal (IHIP), show that Karnataka reported 19 deaths in 2023, 101 in 2024, and a staggering 157 in 2025. That adds up to 277 deaths over three years, the highest cumulative total among all states and union territories. To put that in perspective, West Bengal, which reported the second highest combined count with 153 deaths over the same period, recorded significantly fewer fatalities than Karnataka in each of the last two years.

Tamil Nadu, which had led in 2023 with 43 deaths, reported 25 and 27 deaths in the subsequent years. The sharp upward trajectory in Karnataka's numbers is what stands out. While many states have seen fluctuating or plateauing figures, Karnataka's deaths have nearly tripled from 2023 to 2025.

On the question of notification, the minister informed that eight states have so far declared snakebite cases and deaths as notifiable diseases under their respective public health laws. Karnataka is one of those eight states, along with Tamil Nadu, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Kerala, Maharashtra and Odisha. The Central government had issued an advisory to all states and union territories urging them to take this step under applicable legislation.

Notification is a critical first step because it creates a legal obligation for healthcare providers to report cases, which in turn allows better tracking, resource allocation, and response planning. The fact that a majority of states have still not notified snakebite as a reportable disease helps explain why national data remains fragmented. On the question of inter-ministerial coordination and ecological protection of snake species, the minister pointed to the National Action Plan for Prevention and Control of Snakebite Envenoming (NAPSE), developed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

It also referenced species-specific guidelines released on March 21, 2023, for mitigating human-wildlife conflict involving snakes, and an earlier advisory from February 2021 that recommended identifying conflict hotspots, setting up rapid response teams, and forming state and district level committees for coordinated action.

For Karnataka, where both the forest cover and the density of venomous species are considerable, the data raises questions that go beyond administrative coordination. Conservationists in the state have repeatedly flagged habitat fragmentation and shrinking forest buffers as drivers of human-snake encounters, particularly in districts bordering the Western Ghats and in the Malnad region.

# War upheaval: MRPL runs at 120% capacity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

THE Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) is currently operating its refinery at nearly 120% capacity in the backdrop of major global maritime disruptions, said its director Nandakumar V Pillai.

He was speaking at a seminar on 'Maritime Adversities and the Role of Stakeholders and the Indian Port Act 2025', organised by New Mangalore Port Authority (NMPA) on Wednesday.

Highlighting efforts to sustain domestic fuel supply, Pillai said LPG has become a key focus area. "We have ramped up production by nearly 30%, reaching about 45 lakh kg per day, which is equivalent to around 10 lakh cylinders daily," he said, noting that supply chain challenges continue.

He emphasised the responsibility of ensuring uninterrupted fuel availability and protecting critical infrastructure. Addressing maritime challenges, he stressed that resilience and collaboration are essential, calling for flexible and robust supply chains, greater adoption of digital technologies and smarter port operations.

Pillai also underscored the importance of disaster preparedness. "Despite best efforts, natural calamities and disruptions can occur. What matters is our level of preparedness and response," he said, adding that safety culture must extend beyond rules and standard operating procedures.

Providing operational data, he said through MRPL, around 346 vessels called at the port last year. As of midnight on March 31, cargo handling had reached 23.4 million tonnes, highlighting the refinery's strong dependence on port infrastructure.

Referring to ongoing global geopolitical tensions, Pillai noted that the economic impact of conflicts is being felt far beyond war zones. He pointed to disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial route for crude shipments from West Asia, where vessel movement has been severely affected, with nearly 3,000 ships reportedly awaiting clearance.

He added that crude oil prices have almost doubled, from about $69 per barrel in February to an average of $128 in March, while diesel has become one of the costliest commodities in the global market.

"Oil is available at ports but cannot be transported," he said, adding that alternate routes such as the Red Sea are also facing security threats, even as some seafarers continue to navigate these risks.

Pillai highlighted a steep rise in cargo insurance costs. "Earlier, insurance ranged between 0.25% and 0.3% of cargo value. Now it has surged to 5% to 15%, along with additional war risk premiums of about Rs100 crore per cargo," he said. He added that uncertainties in loading schedules and conflict-related disruptions have made operations increasingly unpredictable.

EXPRESS READ

## KSRTC gets award for its training progs at World HRD Congress

Bengaluru: Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) received an award in the 'Best in Training and Organisation Development' category at the World HRD Congress in Kochi on March 31. The transport utility has implemented structured training programmes, including on topics like fuel efficiency, accident-free driving and road safety. It provides heavy vehicle driving training and issues free driving licences to Scheduled Caste candidates under the PM Ajay scheme and to minority communities under the Directorate of Minorities. Over the past six months, more than 12,000 candidates have been trained. Chief public relations officer, KSRTC, Dr Latha T S and Regional Training Institute, Hassan, principal A S Geethanjali received the award on behalf of KSRTC from College of Ship Technology director Capt S T Sreedharan. **ENS**

## SWR posts 11.77% increase in annual earnings in FY26

Hubballi: The total gross revenue of the South Western Railway (SWR) for the year 2025-26 stood at Rs 9,488 crore, which is 11.77 per cent more compared to Rs 8,489 crore of the corresponding period of the previous year. The railway zone has posted 14.45 per cent growth in freight earnings and 9.3 per cent in passenger revenue. The more significant performance is that the SWR contributed about 13 per cent to the incremental freight loading of Indian Railways, which increased from 1,615 million tonnes to 1,667.8 million tonnes in FY26. The SWR chief public relations officer said, the zone recorded a landmark Originating Freight Revenue of Rs 5,347.40 crore in FY26, surpassing the previous best of Rs 4,672 crore achieved in FY25. In the passenger segment, the revenue rose to Rs 3,468 crore from Rs 3,172.5 crore, supported by increased ridership. **ENS**

# KERC to continue discounted energy rate scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC), in an order on March 31, announced continuation of the Discounted Energy Rate Scheme (DERS) for the financial years 2026-27 and 2027-28.

Earlier, the DERS scheme was limited only for HT consumers. But in its latest orders, KERC extended it for LT-3 and LT-5 installations (commercial, industrial and agricultural consumers). It was announced that open access consumers are permitted to opt for the scheme. Under this scheme, listed consumers are provided electricity at a lower rate. It was introduced in 2021 in Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd (BESCOM) limits.


## PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

Under instructions from my client, Shri. L. Haribabu, S/o. Shri. L. Lakshmaiah, R/at. Flat No.12, 1st Floor, Doctors Apartment, No.60, 3rd Cross, Doctors Layout, B. Channasandra, Kasturinagar, Bengaluru – 560 043, I issue this Public Notice and notify the general public/to whomsoever it may concern as follows:

1. My client is the absolute owner of the land measuring 5 acres 27 guntas, converted for residential use, in Sy. No. 68/2 of Huskur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, more vividly described in the Schedule hereunder ("for brief the Schedule Property").
2. My client had entered into a Joint Development Agreement (JDA) dated 21.04.2011 and Supplementary Joint Development Agreement dated 08.01.2024 with M/s. KSR Properties Private Limited, setting out the terms and conditions governing the joint development of the Schedule Property, including the sharing ratio of the developed area. In furtherance of the said JDA and for the purpose of enabling the developer to undertake development and allied acts in respect of the Schedule Property, my client had also executed a registered General Power of Attorney (GPA) dated 21.04.2011 in favour of M/s. KSR Properties Private Limited.
3. Owing to the failure on the part of the developer to develop the schedule property in terms of the JDA and having abandoned the project, my client and the developer had a series of deliberations to salvage the situation thereof. Consequently, the JDA, and Supplementary JDA were duly cancelled by a registered Deed of Cancellation dated 29.05.2024 and the GPA was revoked, restoring absolute rights to my client after settlement of claims of the Developer.
4. Upon scrutiny and reconciliation of the available project records and up to date encumbrance certificates, it has come to the notice of my client that 22 (twenty-two) flats as per the details given below, are not forthcoming nor the developer could provide the evidence of such transactions. Furthermore, despite the lapse of substantial time since the registered Deed of Cancellation dated 29.05.2024, no individual/person has approached my client making any claim whatsoever over any of the aforesaid 22 (twenty-two) flats with any authenticated registered documents with identify proof.
5. Therefore, as a matter of abundant caution and without prejudice to my client's rights and remedies in law, this Public Notice is hereby issued to notify the general public and all persons, concerned if any, claiming any allotment, right, title, interest or entitlement in respect of the below-mentioned 22 (twenty-two) flats allegedly allotted by M/s. KSR Properties Private Limited in the project "KSR BASIL".
6. All such persons are hereby called upon to submit their claims to the undersigned, at the address mentioned hereinabove, within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this Public Notice, along with the following original documents for verification:
   - Original registered Agreement for Sale if any said to have been executed by M/s. KSR Properties Private Limited in respect of the project 'KSR BASIL'.
   - Verified Bank Account Statements and financial realization certificates unequivocally proving the transfer of the full financial consideration to the developer's above mentioned project's RERA bank accounts.
   - Original Payment Receipts issued by the developer.
   - Valid Government-issued Identify & Address Proof (Aadhaar/PAN).
7. Also, take notice that any claims received within the aforesaid stipulated period will be scrutinized and will be considered in accordance with law. Any claims received after the stipulated period will not be entertained and such belated claims, if any, are deemed to have been waived/abandoned. Take further notice that my client will thereafter proceed to develop, alienate, sell and/or create third party rights over the below mentioned 22 (twenty-two) flats as if there are no claims, without any further notice or notification, free from all encumbrances. Hence this Public Notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the portion of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Sy. No.68/2, situated at Huskur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru (converted for residential use vide Official Memorandum No.ALN.SR.18/2010-11 dated 28.07.2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District), measuring 5 acres 27 guntas and bounded on the:

East by : Road and Sri. T. Narayanappa's land;
West by : Sy. No.70, Bommanahalli Village Boundary and Devadass' land;
North by : Bendiganahalli Yelle (Border);
South by : Sy. No.67 (Yerrappa's land).

SCHEDULE OF PURPORTED FLATS

| Sl. No. | Flat No. | Name |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | B-003 | Niranjan. |
| 2. | B-104 | M.R.K. Reddy. |
| 3. | D-102 | Shoba. |
| 4. | D-204 | Pavan M (Pavan Muktevi) |
| 5. | D-302 | Anuradha G. V. |
| 6. | H-101 | Kowshik Pirakala. |
| 7. | H-203 | M.R.K. Reddy – Karanam Divya Madhuri & NTP Chandra Sekhar. |
| 8. | H-207 | Gouthami Macherla. |
| 9. | H-208 | Likitha Reddy. |
| 10. | I-005 | N. M. Sridhar. |
| 11. | I-104 | Karthik. |
| 12. | I-202 | M.R.K. Reddy. |
| 13. | I-204 | Karthik. |
| 14. | I-302 | Niranjan. |
| 15. | J-007 | Mohan Naidu |
| 16. | J-210 | Dharmendar Reddy - Dwaraka |
| 17. | J-307 | Mohan Naidu |
| 18. | K-001 | Mandava Sai Ramakrishna |
| 19. | K-006 | Malothu Bhavu Singh |
| 20. | K-209 | Gaurav Jain |
| 21. | L-307 | Mohan Naidu |
| 22. | L-308 | Raja Venkatesan |

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TELANGANA FOODS : IDA : NACHARAM : HYDERABAD - 500076
Phone No. 27152207, 08 & 09

Tender Notification No. TF/GG/Tender/RM/1594/Sugar-BG Dall-RPO-Maize-GN-RF-CP-TP/2026-27, Dt.01.04.2026

Telangana Foods invites e-Tenders for procurement of S-30 Gr.Sugar: Qty: 4500 MTs, Bengalgram Dall (agmark): Qty:4500 MTs, RBD-RPO:Qty: 2200 MTs and Maize: Qty: 400 MTs, Rice Flakes: Qty: 200 MTs, Groundnuts: Qty: 40 MTs, Chilli Powder: Qty: 6 MTs and Turmeric Powder: Qty: 4 MTs. For details please visit website: **https://tender.eprocurement.gov.in** and website: **https: //tfoods.telangana.gov.in.** Bids can be downloaded from **02.04.2026 @ 5.00 pm** onwards.

DIPR R.O.No.1303-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2026-27 Dt: 01-04-2026 Sd/- Managing Director



## The Bangalore District Central Co-Op Bank Ltd.,

Office : No.6, Lakshmi Sadana',
5th Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.

**POSSESSION NOTICE** See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Where As The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **The Bangalore District Central Co-Op Bank Ltd.,**under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Bangalore District Central Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**(1) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor/ Applicant: Mr. C Manjunath** S/o Chikkabasappa 9th Cross, Sugnananagar, Vijayapura, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562135.

**Total amount mentioned in the notice :Rs. 17,33,895/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five Only) **as on 16.12.2025** and interest thereon.

**Demand Notice Dated : 19.12.2025 Possession Notice Date: 27.03.2026**

**BRANCH : Vijayapura**

**Description of the Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property which is formed out of Old Sy.No.50/5, measuring to an extent of 1Acre 10 ½ Guntas out of which 0-02 guntas in New Sy.No. 50/10 in respect of PID No.33-501-3C, Purasabha Khatha, Ward No.1, measuring East to West 12.8009753 Mts North to South 15.8488265 Mts Totally 202.898550 Sq.Mts situated at Channasandra Village, Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District bounded by the following boundaries: East: 30 Feet Road, West: 16 Feet Road, North: 18 Feet Road, South: B.Shivarudraiah's remaining property bearing Sy.No. 50/5.

**(2) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor/ Applicant: 1.Mr. K.Kiran S/o Kemparamaiah 2.Mr.K Srinidhi S/o Kemparamaiah both are residing at** KSRTC Layout, Near Junior College, Nelamangala Town, Bangalore Rural District-562123 Surety: Mr. Nagaraju S/o Late Veerappa GHPS Mahimapura, Kuluvanahalli Post, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District-562123.

**Total amount mentioned in the notice : 20,71,967/-**(Rupees Twenty Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Only) **as on 12.05.2025** and interest thereon.

**Demand Notice Dated :27.01.2025 Possession Notice Date: 27.03.2026**

**BRANCH : Nelamangala Branch**

**Description of the Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel in respect of Nelamangala Purasabha House Katha property No.3127/2530/6-10, site No.6, measuring 30+31/2x34+41/2 in total 1143.75 sq. ft. with built up area therein, situated at KSRTC Layout, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. Bounded on: East: Road, West: Site No.2531 (7), North: Road, South: Road

**(3) Name and Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor/ Applicant: 1. Mr. Sanjeevaiah S/o Late Shivanna 2. Mrs. Saraojamma W/o Sanjeevaiah 3. Mr. Harish M S S/o**Sanjeevaiah 4. Mr. Mohan Kumar S S/o Sanjeevaiah 5. Mr. Devaraj S S/o Sanjeevaiah all are residing at Kalya Gate, Hosahalli Road, Magadi Town, Ramanagara District-562120. Surity: Mr.Ramu BS S/o Shivanna No.94, Kalya Gate, Near Water Tank, Magadi Town, Magadi, Ramanagar562120.

**Total amount mentioned in the notice :Rs. 12,19,700/-**(Rupees Twelve Lakh Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred Only) as on **10.12.2025** and interest thereon.

**Demand Notice Dated : 23.12.2025 Possession Notice Date: 27.03.2026**

**BRANCH : Magadi**

**Description of the Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel property bearing Municipal Khaneshumari No.133/131/96, Ward No.17, PID No.11-119-4, admeasuring East to West 65 feet and North to South 17.50 feet in total 1137.50 sq.feet (as per khatha East to West 19.81 meters and North to South 5.33 meters in total 105.67 square meter) together with RCC roofed residential house, situated at Kalyagate, Hosahalli Road, Magadi Town, Ramanagara District and bounded by the following boundaries: East: Property belongs to Bhadrachar, West: Road, North: Property belongs to Hemavathi, South: Property belongs to Guru Murthy

Date : 27.03.2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore The Bangalore District Central Co-Op Bank Ltd.


DEDICATION BEATS AGE

# *48 yrs & going strong, 74-yr-old Mohammed keeps Polali temple chariot rolling*

ABHIJITH N KOLPE @ Mangaluru

The chariot of Polali Sri Raja Rajeshwari Temple gets ready ahead of the annual fair on April 10. Inset: AH Mohammed | EXPRESS

AH Mohammed, fondly known as Monakka from Ammunje, has been serving at the renowned Polali Sri Raja Rajeshwari Temple for the past 48 years. His primary responsibility, which is managing and steering the temple chariot using traditional wooden stoppers and preparing the chariot during the annual fair, is both demanding and highly skilled.

Handling the massive temple chariot is no simple task. It requires precision, coordination, and deep understanding to guide it safely along its route. Despite the challenges, 74-year-old Mohammed has carried out this responsibility with unmatched expertise year after year, ensuring smooth continuation of this important tradition.

A resident of Ammunje Kalai, Mohammed is retired, and had previously worked as sales manager at the cooperative society within the temple premises. Over time, he developed a strong rapport with the temple administration. Nearly five decades ago, when the temple authorities were planning to build a chariot, they sought his advice, recognising his background in the wood industry. Impressed by his knowledge, they entrusted him with the responsibility of managing the chariot during the annual fair.

Mohammed fondly recalls the support he received during the initial days from former temple administrators who stood by him throughout his journey.

Traditionally, the chariot is required to complete one full circle of the temple. In earlier days, this was particularly challenging due to muddy roads, which made navigation slow and difficult. Using wooden stoppers and his technical skills, Mohammed mastered the art of steering the chariot with remarkable ease and precision. "We faced several challenges while moving the chariot, but I always had alternative solutions ready. It's not as easy as it looks. Even preparing the chariot during the annual fair is a difficult task; installing ropes, wooden planks, sticks, and ensuring everything is in place for the fair requires careful supervision," said Mohammed.

He says trust and teamwork have been key to his long service. "It's the mutual trust between me and the temple administration that has helped us manage the chariot successfully all these years," he says.

With the temple's annual fair scheduled for April 10, preparations are already in full swing, and Mohammed is once again actively involved in decorating and readying the chariot. His daughter, Fathima Nusaiba, shares how deeply this service is woven into their family life. "Visiting the temple during the fair is as important to us as Eid. My father spends more time at Polali than at home. Even during Eid, he would be working at the temple. Despite having BP and diabetes, he becomes energetic when it comes to his work at Polali," Fathima shared.

She also highlights the respect he has earned over the years, saying, "His friends from other communities often step forward to help even before family members do. Our family is always treated with great warmth and respect when we visit the temple."


## Executive Engineer, Public Works Department
## Kolar Division, Kolar-563101

e-mail : eepwdkolar07@gmail.com website: www.kpwd.gov.in Phone No. 08152-222022

**e-tender Notification – K.W. 1 &4 Short Term Tender notification No: 38/2025-26 Dt. 31.03.2026**

Tender is invited through e-Procurement for works in the limits of Bangapet, KGF Taluk Kolar District Public Works Department from the PWD Registered Contractors under **H/A: 4059 CMIDP SCP and 5054 MDR Improvements** Estimate cost : Minimum: 10.00 Lakhs & Maximum: 300.00 Lakhs EMD Amount: as mentioned in KPP Portal. Contractors may download the tender documents KW- 1&4 from Karnataka State Procurement portal **(viz., htpp://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).**

| Particulars | For Works from Sl. No 10 (Two Cover Tender system) | For Works from Sl. No 1 to 9 (Single Cover Tender system) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. **Last date for queries:** | Dtd.07.04.2026 upto 17:30 Hrs | Dtd.07.04.2026 upto 17:30 Hrs |
| **2. Last date of receipt of tenders in KPP Portal** | Dtd.08.04.2026 upto 16:00 Hrs | Dtd.08.04.2026 upto 16:00 Hrs |
| **3. Date of opening of Technical bid** | Dtd.09.04.2026 after 16:30 Hrs | - |
| **4. Date of opening of Financial bid** | Dtd.15.04.2026 after 11:00 Hrs | Dtd.09.04.2026 after 16:30 Hrs |

Further details regarding the works and also for details about this tender notification please contact KPP portal and also you may contact this office during working hours. **Note: Any changes in this Notification will be published in KPP portal only.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Kolar

DIPR/KOLAR/RO:03/KSMCA/2026-27



## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri. K. NARAYAN,** Aged about 62 years, S/o. Sri. Kannaiah Naidu, Residing at No.9, Balaji Cross, Kadirenahalli, Subramanyapura Main Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560 070. **Aadhaar No: XXXX XXXX 5035.**

Any person/banking institutions/company, etc., has got any sort of legal right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said sale transaction, shall approach the under mentioned Advocate within **7 days** from this day, with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement to sell considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

:: SCHEDULE PROPERTY ::

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the vacant immovable Property bearing **Site No.14,** Khatha No.764, New BBMP E-Khatha Assessment No. 14, New BBMP E-Aasthi PID No.3268514290, formed in Converted Sy. No.55/1 (duly converted for non agricultural residential purpose as per the Official Memorandum bearing No. B.DIS/ALN/SR(S)40/2000-01, dated 29.08.2000, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District), situated at **UTTARAHALLI VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk,** now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 184 VINAYAKA LAYOUT, UTTARAHALLI, Bengaluru, measuring: East to West **40-0 Feet or 12.2 Meters,** and North to South **23-6 Feet or 7.2 Meters,** in all measuring **944 Square Feet or 87.7 Square Meters,** and bounded on:

**EAST BY : Site No.13, WEST BY : 30 Feet Road, NORTH BY : Site No.15, SOUTH BY : Private Property.**

**N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate**
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi who paid rich tributes to the illustrious figures of Odisha on Utkal Divas described the legendary Biju Patnaik as an inspiration. In his four-page letter to CM Mohan Charan Majhi, Modi highlighted Odisha's glorious legacy with a special mention of Babu

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attends a public rally ahead of the Kerala Assembly elections in Kochi on Wednesday | PTI

# Even God is not secure in Kerala, says Rajnath

## Says Sabarimala gold theft probe will be handed over to CBI, LDF betrayed Ayyappa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@T'Puram

GIVING no indication of letting go of the Sabarimala gold theft controversy, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that the missing gold is yet-to-be traced. "Some communist leaders looted the gold, and Congress helped them. This means LDF and UDF are the same. Neither God or people are safe in Kerala," Singh said while attending the party's election meeting at Pothencode here. Terming the Left government's stand in the Sabarimala women entry as vague, he also reiterated the party's stand that the Sabarimala gold theft will be handed over to CBI.

Skimming over multiple allegations against the previous LDF and UDF governments- Karuvannur bank theft, AI camera, LIFE Mission, K-FON scam, solar and bar bribery controversies- Rajnath Singh said that both these fronts are competing in corruption. Citing the 2020 gold smuggling controversy, Singh criticised that people can sacrifice morality for gold. "Only BJP will be able to protect Kerala from divisive politics, Jamat-e-Islami, SDPI, and PFI," he said. While the LDF and UDF constantly blame the Union government for the fund crunch, he said that the Centre has provided Kerala over Rs 1.57 lakh crore since 2014, manifold of what was given by the Congress.

"Both these fronts have been cheating people for decades. They destroyed the economy and failed to meet promises they made," he said. Speaking at a function in Nedumangad assembly constituency, Rajnath also lashed out against the sitting MLA and Civil Supplies Minister G R Anil, claiming that the ration shops are almost empty except during the election time. Singh said, "The real story of Kerala should not be like that in the film 'Kerala Story', but rather that of progress and peace." Mentioning the party's big wins through Suresh Gopi and Thiruvananthapuram corporation, Singh commented "Ithu thudakkam mathram aanu".

He also attended a roadshow at the Pothencode junction as part of the election campaign of NDA candidates- BJP's Yuvaraj Gokul (Nedumangad), Vivek Gopan (Aruvikkara), and BDJS's Venu Karanavar (Vamanapuram).

# LS passes Bill, backs Amaravati as capital

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, seeking to recognise Amaravati as the sole and permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh, with the opposition Congress also supporting it along with the NDA. Once the bill becomes a law, Amaravati will be the sole and permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh with retrospective effect from June 2, 2024. However, opposing the bill during the debate, YSR Congress Party MPs staged a walk out. The bill was passed by a voice vote, fulfilling the aspiration of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, whose party TDP is a key ally of the ruling NDA.

Responding to a nearly two-hour-long debate on the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai thanked members for supporting the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly resolution that urged the Centre to provide legal backing to Amaravati as the State capital. Initiating the debate on the bill, Congress MP Manickam Tagore said his party fully supports the legislation but wants special status for Andhra Pradesh as promised at the time of State bifurcation. "Let Amaravati develop like Bengaluru, Chennai or Hyderabad. Let Visakhapatnam, Tirupati and Kurnool also develop. We support Amaravati

as the permanent capital of Andhra Pradesh," he said.

Participating in the debate, TDP member and Union Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani appealed to the House to pass the bill unanimously as it will ensure a permanent capital for Andhra Pradesh.

Opposing the bill, YSRCP member PV Midhun Reddy said 34,000 acres were acquired by the State government for the development of Amaravati as the capital with the promise of giving free developed plots, a housing scheme and free education for the children of the affected people. However, nothing has been given to them so far. "They are not bothered about farmers. Give a specific date, a specific timeline - when the plots will be given to the farmers. Incorporate all these points in the bill. Otherwise, there is no meaning," the YSRCP MP said.

He alleged that the TDP-led NDA government in the State was not concerned about where the huge amount of funds would come from for the development of such a large capital.

## Srinivasa Rao retires after 35 years with TNIE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SRINIVASA Rao Avvaru, who served TNIE Group for 35 years, retired as Senior Press Supervisor on March 31. He joined as a colour retouch-ing artist at the Group's sister company, Andhra Prabha Limited, in Hyderabad on April 6, 1991. He served in the Vijayawada and Tirupati units of The New Indian Express before retiring in Bengaluru. He was felicitated in Bengaluru on Tuesday by PV Sudhakar Reddy, AGM–Production.

# SC stays DA case proceedings against senior TN minister

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday stayed trial court proceedings against senior minister and DMK general secretary Duraimurugan in a disproportionate assets case. "There shall be no further proceedings until the next date of hearing (in this case). Issue notice returnable on April 20," a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan said.

During the hearing on Wednesday, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi told the bench that Duraimurugan had been granted similar relief in another case. "Murugan is 87 years old and recently suffered a hip fracture. The court should consider all these factors and pass appropriate orders," Singhvi said. The Madras High Court, on April 23 last year, had directed a special court in Vellore district to frame charges against Duraimurugan and his family members in the disproportionate assets case. The HC passed the order while allowing revision petitions filed by the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, challenging an order of special court discharging Duraimurugan and his kin from the case.

The prosecution's case was that Duraimurugan amassed wealth to the tune of Rs 3.92 crore in his name and in the names of his relatives, disproportionate to his known sources of income, when he held the Public Works Department portfolio in the DMK government between 1996 and 2001.

SACRED VOWS

Women with their tongues pierced by a metal rod, take part in a 'kavadi' procession during the 'Panguni Uthiram' festival at Triplicane, Chennai, on Wednesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

EXPRESS READ

### Tagore quits as Congress TN election panel head

CHENNAI: Tension within the Congress party over candidate selection has come to the fore, with Congress MP Manickam Tagore submitting his resignation as chairman of the state election management and coordination committee. Tagore's resignation comes at a time when AICC is yet to finalise its list of candidates for the upcoming Assembly election in Tamil Nadu. **ENS**

# Filmmaker Ranjith remanded in custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

FILMMAKER Ranjith, who has been arrested in connection with an assault and sexual harassment case, was remanded to 14-day judicial custody on Wednesday.

Ranjith was taken into custody from Thodupuzha on Tuesday night following a complaint filed by a young actress who alleged that he attempted to sexually assault her on a film set. The Ernakulam Judicial First Class Magistrate Court-I ordered his remand till April 13, following which he was sent to the Ernakulam sub-jail. The team investigating the case has filed a custody application in the court seeking his interrogation as part of the probe, while the defence has moved a bail petition. Both appeals are expected to be considered on Saturday.

"Ranjith was brought to the North Women Police Station from Thodupuzha on Wednesday early morning, following which his arrest was formally recorded. He was later produced before a magistrate at her residence in Tripunithura and remanded," said a source with Kochi city police. The matter later came up before the open court, but was adjourned to Saturday as the production warrant was not ready, the officer said. He has been booked for offences, including assault or the use of criminal force against a woman, a demand or request for sexual favours, insulting the modesty of a woman, and wrongful confinement, under BNS.

Malayalam film director Ranjith being taken to a sub-jail after a medical check-up at Ernakulam General Hospital, in Kochi, Kerala | A SANESH


**यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया / Union Bank of India**

**S.C Road Branch**
No. 71/1, Brigade Plaza, SC Road, Near Anand Rao Circle , Bangalore-560009
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**POSSESSION NOTICE** [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, S.C Road Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **04.12.2025** calling upon the : **1. Applicant: Mr.Satish Chandra** JT Prop:Lalan Developers, "Amma"First Floor, No 88,10th "A" cross,1st main,West of Chord road,Rajaji Nagar,Bangalore- 560086, Mob:9844077512 **2.Co Applicant: Mrs. H S Prabha** W/O. Satish Chandra J.T Prop:Lalan Developers, "Amma"First Floor, No 88,10th "A" cross.1st main,West of Chord road,Rajaji Nagar,Bangalore-560086 to repay the dues mentioned in the notice of **Rs 25,74,610.60 /- (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakh Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Ten and Sixty Paise Only.)** and interest/Charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement ) rules 2002, on this **31st day of March 2026**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, S.C Road Branch for an amount of Rs 25,74,610.60 /-(Rupees Twenty-Five Lakh Seventy-Four Thousand Six Hundred Ten and Sixty Paise Only.)** and interest/ Charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**Mortgage of immovable property described herein below:**
**Description of Secured Assets:**

All that piece and parcel of the property at No.88 (CITB NO.88), PID NO.14-74-88,10th A cross 1st main, west of chord road, Rajaji Nagar, Mahalakshmi Puram (As per Sale Deed it is Basaweshwar Nagar), Bangalore-560086 measuring East to West 61.45 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, altogether measuring 2455 Square Feet and bounded as follow: East: 1st Main Road, West: Site No 108,North: Site No 89, South: Site No 87

**Date: 31.03.2026**
**Place: Bengaluru**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Union Bank of India**



**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**
(www.kpwd.gov.in)

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Special Division, Shivamogga
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**SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
(Two-cover system) (Through KPP portal)

**IFT No. 56/2025-26** **Date: 31.03.2026**

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply under head of account 2059-80-053-4-00-200-Building Maintenance-Repairs to PWD Circuit House & I.B in Shivamogga City (INDENT-35062) Amount put to tender is **Rs. 76.46 Lakhs** and EMD amount is **Rs.1.53 lakhs.** Time allowed for completion of work is 06 Months including Monsoon. The tenderers may submit tenders through KPP- portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz., http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in).** The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section -2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from **31-03-2026 to 08-04-2026** Last date for Receipt of Tender is on **08-04-2026 at 17.00 PM**. The Technical bid will be opened on **09-04-2026 at 05.30 PM** onwards and Financial bid will be opened after **10-04-2026** Onwards. If there any changes in publication, it will be publishing through E-Procurement only. For more information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

**Sd/-**
**Executive Engineer, Public Works Department,**
**Special Division, Shivamogga**

DIPR/SMG/No. 01-04/Zenkar/2026-27



**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**
**Assistant Commissioner and Special Land Acquisition Officer,**
**(National Highway Zone Kalaburagi), YadgiriSub-division, Mini Vidhansoudha, Yadgiri**
**Telephone No.08473-253311** **e-mail:acyadgir@gmail.com**

No.REV/LAQ/NH/02/2024-25, Dated : 31.03.2026

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Under section 3G and subsection (3) and (4) of the NH act 1956**

In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3D of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956), the Ministry Of Road Transport And Highways, Central Government vide India Gazette Notification No. S.O. 300 (E), Dated: 20.01.2026 declared the acquisition of land indicated the schedule here under for building (Two laning/ four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of National Highway No. 150 in the stretch of land from Km. 70.900 to Km. 79.650 (Kalaburagi-Wadi-Yadgir Section) in the district of Yadgiri in the state of Karnataka.

Under the provision of section 3G (1), (2), (3) and (4) of the NH act 1956 (48 of 1956), it is here by informed to the land owners and any interested persons whose lands will be acquired for building of National Highway No. 150 in the stretch of land from Km. 70.900 to Km. 79.650 (Kalaburagi-Wadi-Yadgir Section) in the district of Kalaburagi to appear in person or by an agent of by a legal practioner and submit their claims for determining/ awarding compensation, along with copies of the following relevant documents to the following office and to state the nature of their respective intrest in such lands within 07days from the Date of publication of this public notice.

1) Present year RTC, 2) 14 years EC, 3) Mutation copy, 4) Sale/partition/other deeds of title, 5) Tax paid receipts copy, 6) Family Tree, 7) Land Converssion order certified copy, 8) Panchayath Khatha copy and other relevant documents etc.,

If the Land owners of land indicated in the schedule here under fails to submit the aforesaid documents within the stipulated time, in such case Land compensation will be determined based on the available documents in this office. Further it is informed that not to carry any Crop Growing or any Development activity now onwards in the respect of lands specified in the Schedule as per the said 3(D) notification vested in the Central Government, also if Crops any Grown or carried any Development activity will not be considered for Compensation.

| sl. No | Name of the Taluk | Name of the Village | Date & Time | Place of receiving Application and Documents |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Yadgiri | Mudnal | 13.04.2026 from 11:00AM to 01:00PM | Office of the Assistant Commissioner and Special Land Acquisition Officer, (National Highway Zone Kalaburagi), YadgiriSub-division, Mini Vidhansoudha, Yadgiri |

**Sd/- Assistant Commissioner and**
**Special Land Acquisition Officer,**
**(National Highway Zone Kalaburagi), YadgiriSub-division,**
**Mini Vidhansoudha, Yadgiri**

**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**
**NOTIFICATION**
**New Delhi, the 23rd March, 2026**

S.O. 1512(E).- Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O.300 (E) dated 20.01.2026, published in Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (Two Laning/ four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of National Highway No.150, in the stretch of land from Km 70.900 to Km 79.650 (Kalaburagi-Wadi-Yadgir-Kadechur Section) in the district of KALABURAGI in the State of KARNATAKA.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Samyukta Karnataka" and "Deccan Herald" both dated 30.01.2026; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the competent authority; And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

**SCHEDULE**

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 70.900 to Km. 79.650 (Gulbarga- Wadi- Yadgir Section) of the National Highway No. 150 in the state of KARNATAKA

**State: KARNATAKA** **District: YADGIR**

| Sl No | Survey/ Plot Number | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area (in Hectare) | Name of the land owner/ Interested persons |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Taluk: Yadgir** | | | | | **Village: Mudnal** |
| 1 | 142 | Private | Dry | 0.5564 | Chandya S/o Tejya Chavan, Topusingh S/o Tejya Chavan, Smt. Gangibai W/o Tejya, Dr.Shivashankrappa S/o Sharanappa Patil |
| | | | **Total** | **0.5564** | |

[F.No.1146/3D]
DIP/YDG/04KSMC&A/2026-27
**Sd/- SHAIKH AMINKHAN, Director.**

# EDITORIAL

"The comforting idea that 'the old will die and the young will forget' expresses one of the deepest aspirations of Israeli leaders after 1948. It was not to be

Rashid Khalidi

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— Ramnath Goenka

## NOW THAT THE GUNS HAVE FALLEN SILENT, GOVERNANCE MUST SPEAK

THE Union government's deadline to eliminate Maoism—March 31, 2026—has passed. It marks an important moment in a conflict that once covered the Red Corridor, a vast swathe of hilly, tribal regions across nine states. The insurgency, which once affected over 120 districts, had declined sharply by 2025 and is now confined to a few forested areas in central and eastern India. Security forces claim that the Maoist leadership has been greatly weakened after decades of violence that took thousands of lives, including civilians, Maoists and security personnel.

Yet, the decimation of the armed group does not mean the problem is over. For the first time in years, communities in these regions are starting to feel some relief as paramilitary forces move into places that were once out of reach. However, the bigger challenge goes beyond security. Over the past decade, the government claims to have built more roads, improved telecom networks, expanded banking services, and set up schools and skill centres in these regions. Welfare programmes have also grown, though not always consistently.

But development is about more than just numbers. Some of the grim realities that allowed Maoism to flourish—deprivation, exclusion, broken trust—remain. Tribal communities, some having lost their land and forest rights, continue to face exploitation and official neglect in many places. If these grievances are not fixed, the ground may remain fertile for Maoism or other similar movements. The government needs to be not just present, but also be responsive. The Constitution offers a path forward with protections under the Fifth Schedule, forest rights and local authority through the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act. These have fallen short mostly because of poor implementation, not because the laws themselves are flawed. The governors' duty to protect tribal interests should be taken seriously. Officials need to work closely and responsibly with local communities.

Rehabilitation needs to be more than just a gesture. Education, healthcare, jobs and dignity should reach every household. The sharp decline in Maoist control gives a window of opportunity. Until March 31, the government chiefly focused on security issues in these regions, often at a high human cost. Now it needs to shift to solving the deeper social, economic and cultural issues such as land rights, jobs and inclusion that are at the root of the conflict.

## CONCERTED EFFORT NEEDED TO CURB MATERNAL DEATHS

A detailed study has raised alarm over the slowing global progress on reducing maternal mortality rate (MMR). Of the 204 countries surveyed for the paper published in the *Lancet Obstetrics, Gynaecology & Women's Health* journal, 104 are yet to meet the United Nations and World Health Organization's Sustainable Development Goal 3.1 to lower MMRs to less than 70 deaths per lakh live births by 2030. It places India in the higher MMR bracket, alongside Ethiopia, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Though India's MMR of 88 recorded in 2021-23 is an improvement from the 91 reported in 2019-21, it is still way above the SDG 3.1 target. This is despite various initiatives by the Union government under the National Health Mission—such as Janani Suraksha Yojana, Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram, Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan, Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan and LaQshya—to reduce MMR across the country.

Odisha (153), Chhattisgarh (146), Madhya Pradesh (142) and Uttar Pradesh (141) are the biggest laggards, with rates more than double the target. The states that have already bettered the 2030 goal include Andhra Pradesh and Kerala, which have MMRs of 30 each, along with Tamil Nadu at 35, Telangana at 59 and Karnataka at 68. Puducherry became the first Union Territory to record zero MMR in 2024-25. Clearly, South India has fared far better in safeguarding maternal health.

According to the National Family Health Survey, births at healthcare institutions—one of the most effective ways to lower MMR—accounted for 88.6 percent of the total in 2019-21, a significant increase from 78.9 percent in 2015-16. The main reasons for maternal mortality in India are obstetric haemorrhage, infections, hypertensive disorders, anaemia and nutritional deficiencies, unsafe abortions, delays in accessing care and lack of preparedness. While camps are provisioned to improve health departments' outreach to pregnant women in remote areas, the sheer magnitude of the challenge of covering the entire population is steep.

To achieve the SDG goal, a joint approach between the Union and states is needed to significantly improve access to pregnancy care. While we aim for having a Viksit Bharat by 2047, we should not forget the old Sanskrit *shloka*, *Janani janmabhoomischa swargadapi gariyasi* (Mother and motherland are superior even to heaven).

**QUICK TAKE**

### ACHIEVING BALANCE IN AI

A parliamentary panel's report on artificial intelligence should propel the government to aim higher and act faster. Of the three main constraints identified in deploying AI at scale, adequacy of computing facilities and datasets can be ensured relatively faster, given enough investment and energy allocation. But the third issue—shortage of skills—would take countrywide planning. Lessons can be learnt from China in both what to do and what not to. Chinese schools embed curiosity in AI and robotics early, as it has been identified as a subject of national priority and made mandatory in several provinces. But a balance is also needed. Experts have warned of the harm to mental health that Chinese parents' embrace of AI toys, tutors and therapy bots can lead to.

The land conflict between two hill communities shows that the state's complex ethnic fabric can't be easily folded into binaries. Universal laws must replace selective British-era codes

## FIRE SPREADS TO THE HILLS OF MANIPUR

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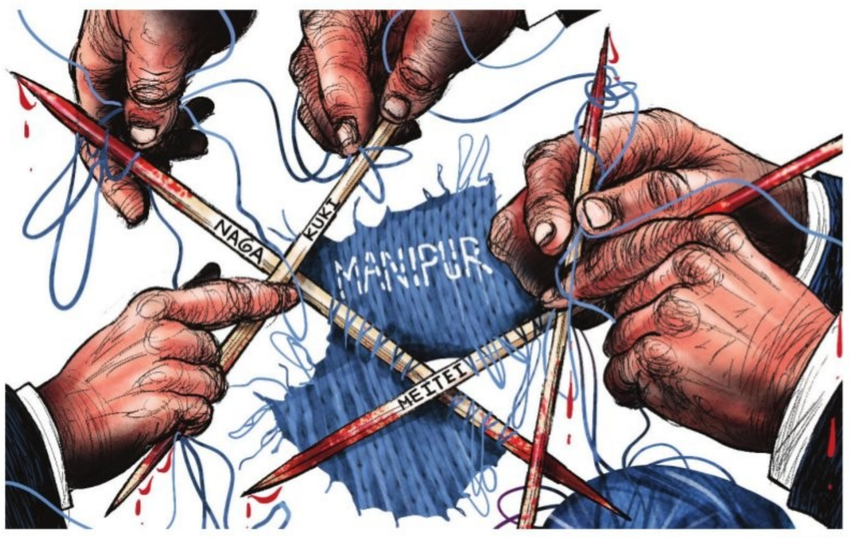


SOURAV ROY

MANIPUR'S tragic ethnic conflict is threatening to acquire a new dimension by bringing more ethnic groups into the theatre. This looming danger was sensed all along by those who intimately understand the state's complex multi-ethnic demography. But others chose a simplistic view.

Even as the nearly-three-year-old confrontation between the majority non-tribal, predominantly Hindu Meiteis and Christian Kuki-Zo group of tribes is showing signs of easing, a new conflict front is opening up between Kukis and Nagas, whose settlements in the hills are closely interlaced.

For the moment, this new friction is largely restricted to three of the state's 10 hill districts. The latest is in Ukhrul, where Kukis and Tangkhul Nagas are now in a dangerous faceoff, with two fatalities already counted and over 50 houses belonging to both sides destroyed in the Litan area along the Imphal-Ukhrul road. Earlier, even while the Meitei-Kuki conflict was raging, tension had begun brewing in the Tamenglong and Kangpokpi districts between Kukis and Zeliangrong Nagas.

Like other Naga tribes in Manipur, the Zeliangrongs claim that the lands on which the Kukis are now settled were originally theirs, leased out to the latter. They are also unhappy that camps for Kuki militants who signed a suspension of operation agreement with the government were being relocated to lands they consider theirs.

For about a year, the militant Zeliangrong United Front waged a campaign of destroying poppy fields that they claim were cultivated on their lands by Kukis, causing dangerous frictions.

Last month, the problem was compounded with the Tangkhul Nagas also coming into the picture. On the evening of February 7, trouble exploded in Litan village when a few drunken Kuki men assaulted and injured a Tangkhul man. Efforts to reach an amicable settlement failed. The open hostilities that broke out by February 9 are now threatening to spread.

Quite obviously, a single spark could not have caused an inferno had the ground not been dry and ready to catch fire. The Tangkhuls, too, consider the Kukis migrants settled on land leased to them by nearby Tangkhul villages. They claim these leased lands still belong to Tangkhuls. The Kukis, however, counter-claim that all the lands they are now settled on are rightfully theirs.

It is pertinent to note that steam for the current Kuki-Tangkhul tensions began building over compensation claims for lands the government had acquired for broadening of the Imphal-Ukhrul highway.

Modern land regulations under the Manipur Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act, 1960 are not extended into the hill districts. Instead, the customary laws of indigenous tribes are still in vogue there. The current land administration system is roughly modelled on what independent India inherited from British revenue management in the Northeast and Myanmar, wherein the hills were left unadministered, designated as 'excluded areas' or 'partially excluded areas'.

The unfolding conflict in Manipur is an indication that changes in this archaic system are called for. Entrenched interests can be predicted to resist any move to introduce modern land laws in the hills, but the need of the hour is at least to codify the customary laws so they can be justly and impartially applied to all stakeholders.

Equally importantly, the law must make it mandatory for traditionally shifting populations to adopt a sedentary and enumerable lifestyle. Deadly frictions between mobile and sedentary populations are a historical reality and continue to be so. Kuki villages tend to constantly split and proliferate, which often causes frictions between them and their neighbours.

History tells us that when the British took over the Northeast, the valleys—where agricultural surpluses led to state formation with centralised bureaucracies—were easier to bring under one law. In the mountains, the numerous villages were like tiny kingdoms, often at war with each other. An agreement with one would not hold in the next village, prompting the British to leave them as unadministered territories, except for conducting occasional punitive expeditions.

Two centuries after the signing of the Treaty of Yandaboo in 1826, which brought the British to the Northeast, the socio-economic playfields have considerably levelled out. Efforts must now be made to evolve suitable, consensual reforms to bring the region out of its time warp, towards a more universal legal platform.

Meanwhile, the fact-finders who trooped to Manipur when the conflict was restricted to Meiteis and Kuki-Zos are largely silent on this new development. Now that both the warring sides are Christian tribal communities, they probably realise how wrong their familiar conflict template of a Hindu majority targeting minority Christians, Muslims, Dalits or tribals was.

The lesson is that the representation of traumatic conflicts in complex multi-ethnic social structures such as Manipur's is never easy. The temptation before paratrooping observers is to adopt linear, textbook conflict models they are familiar with to comprehend what they witness. But these can be grossly inadequate.

While it is absolutely necessary to not give moral equivalence to victims and perpetrators, the line that divides the two is not always distinct in conflicts in such a complex and intertwined ethnic maze. Both conflicting parties can be victims as much as perpetrators.

As trauma scholars have cautioned, this shortfall can be true for the subjects of the conflicts themselves writing about them, as well as for observers from outside these theatres assessing the conflicts. While the former are prone to what Dominick LaCapra calls 'fidelity to trauma', leading to a sense of victimhood, the latter can end up 'numbing empathy', which media scholar Tony Harcup interprets as 'objectivism'.

LaCapra's recommendation for trauma representation is to find the 'middle voice'. In retrospect, the lack of interest of many in this middle voice in covering Manipur's crisis may have complicated and prolonged the conflict itself, reminiscent of what Bertrand Russell anticipated as the harm that even good men can do.

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## PROGRESSIVES MIME A MAGA MIXUP

KAJAL BASU
Veteran journalist

THESE are confusing and confused ideological times. Aside from the hardened ones, few of the ideologised know where they stand on the shifting sands of political loyalties and conflicting pedagogies that have suddenly, in the twin wakes of the Gaza genocide and the Americo-Israeli war on Iran, turned from implacable combativeness to baffled cooperation.

On March 17, Donald Trump's counterterrorism chief Joe Kent became the highest-ranking administration official to resign over the war on Iran. His words, on X, were: "Iran posed no imminent threat to our nation, and it is clear that we started this war due to pressure from Israel and its powerful American lobby."

In his sights were Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his gleefully self-satisfied interventions in the White House, and the deeply-embedded Zionist lobby led by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which funds US legislators with millions of dollars and has been dictating US policy in the Middle East-North Africa (MENA) region for the past several presidencies.

These are targets that the liberals and the left in the US share with a certain section of the right wing: the Christian—or at least the fiercely Christophilic—alt-right, which is audaciously voluble and increasingly influential across social media. Except for a few evangelical Christians, this Christo-right is pointedly not philosemitic.

That it has no love for present-day Israel is not a matter of provenancial mystery, given the mindbending brutality of not just the Israeli State, but the complicity of ordinary Israelis. The American Christo-right, for all its self-positioning on Iran, is antisemitic—as in anti-Jewry—to its bones.

When the liberal-left began sharing Kent's explosive interviews with approbation, one big irony seemed to have escaped them: that Kent and his alt-right interviewers not only hate Jews, but that they also fundamentally support Trump, who is an intemperate Israelophile. They are all MAGA. They are all anti-immigrant, pro-deportation and for prodigally militarising the border. They have nothing against the extravagant and creative malfeasance of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement or ICE, which Trump's opposition refers to as his administration's Gestapo. They are all in favour of oil exploitation, into climate-change denialism and in favour of unfettered artificial intelligence ultra-technocratism. When they applauded Kent's revelation that 18 American intelligence agencies had advised Trump against attacking Iran, but that he did anyway, they were cementing their conviction that Trump's ecosystem was fine but his closest coterie was compromised.

Some think Trump should stop engaging expansionally abroad and focus on the domestic. Others, that he should reroute military spending, which he has increased by more than 17 percent this financial year, to salving the economy back home. Yet others, that he should rout the combination of Jewish Zionism and evangelical Christian Israelism as satanic. Still others, that Trump should abandon the sinking ship that's Israel. Some realpolitik rationalists consider the MENA region as of dwindling significance as alternative forms of energy—all anathema to Trump, who fashions himself after oil barons—take hold globally, especially in China, which Trump considers his *bête noire*.

AFP

The resignation of Trump's counterterrorism chief Joe Kent for going to war against Iran revealed a deep confusion in the MAGA camp. Rightwingers are finding it difficult to distinguish between antisemitism, anti-Zionism and anti-Israelism. Progressives are no less confused

But none of them thinks that Trump is in any way wrong by himself—just that he has been misled. They still think that although he is ideologically the cat's whiskers, he is a soft touch: not just the Israelis, but the entire Jewry has been able to blind him to the obvious—that Israelism is a bad idea. This refrain is echoed across the alt-right ecosystem—from Tucker Carlson, Joe Rogan, Candace Owens, Nick Fuentes and Stew Peters to Owen Shroyer.

The problem for progressives—the term 'liberal' crosses the right-left binary too easily to be precisely usable—is that none of these ultra-rightwingers is wrong about Israel, but that they are wrong about Am Yisrael, the Jewish peoples of a range of ideological convictions ranging from ultra-conservatism to reformism. All-purpose antisemitism is not a digestible response to Israel's incredible, world-breaking inhumanity. Anti-Zionism and anti-Israelism are.

Progressive ideologues are at that inflection point where they discover that ideologies are increasingly intersectional—just as geopolitics and geostrategy are turning out to be, with States declaring multi-alignment as fundamental to making their way across an increasingly transactional world where ethics, like carbon tax, is negotiable or contractual—but not credentialled or served by long-term overlaps. The sharing of the alt-right's antisemitic videos in the garb of anti-Israelism and anti-Zionism by atheists, agnostics, believers and secularists alike with no small approbation is disturbing.

Because, once the Israelist issue is done and dusted—as it will be, sooner or later—we will be left holding the can of alignments never intended to be forever, unable to extricate ourselves from ideological appropriation and refashioning, our wills trapped in the rotting corpse of momentary common purpose.

Once the simoom settles in MENA, these very alt-right influencers will turn on progressiveness, minorityism, immigrationism, secularity, internationalism. One common conviction—*punctum temporis*, a moment in time—could blind us to the larger dangers of annexation to the long-term cause of the right.

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## MAILBAG

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### Guided learning

Ref: *Stories for children* (Apr 1). It's a wonderful initiative to promote literacy among children. While children naturally love stories, they are also surprisingly drawn to broader social issues such as politics and science. My adolescent children recently left for their grandfather's home on vacation. Before leaving, they made a special request that I send them daily clippings from *The New Indian Express* editorial page and the art corner which they are very fond of reading. While they could easily access a copy there, that is not the point. What matters more is the involvement of parents—the sharing, guiding and discussing what they read together.
**S Sundareswara Pandiyan, Chennai**

### Rightful protection

Ref: *Going beyond the brief on conversion* (Apr 1). Protections against discriminatory treatment for members of marginalised communities were conceived in the face of socioeconomic considerations. It can be easily surmised that the principle of equality before law is clearly violated by denying protections to individuals who convert to other religions.
**Jose M, Kochi**

### Toxic legacies

Ref: *The environmental cost of war* (Apr 1). To tackle the menace of toxic legacies of wars, people across the globe must step up awareness, speak out against destructive policies and push for environmentally responsible conflict resolution. Civil society can join hands, call for accountability and back initiatives that clean up war-hit regions and restore ecological balance.
**Raju Kolluru, Kakinada**

### Riding tiger

Ref: *Go get your own oil* (Apr 1). Donald Trump, like Vladimir Putin, seems to be lately realising that war achieves nothing except for obliterating realities on the ground. His tantrums are frustrations over his dilemmas to dismount the war tiger he so easily mounted. Flexing war muscles in lieu of diplomacy is a sure recipe for tragedy.
**Ullattil Pakiteeri Raghunathan, Thrissur**

### Ritualistic tragedy

Ref: *Bihar stampede* (Apr 1). Stampedes at temples are no longer shocking, they have become a recurring, almost ritualistic, tragedy across India. The latest horror is not an 'accident' but a damning indictment of administrative failure. Administrative lethargy can no longer be tolerated.
**AThirugnanasambantham, Coimbatore**

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**POSTS OF THE DAY**

**Shivraj Singh Chouhan** @ChouhanShivraj
As part of the pledge to plant trees daily, today I planted a sapling at Smart City Park in Bhopal along with my nieces, nephews, sisters, and brothers.

**Rahul Gandhi** @RahulGandhi
Yesterday in Balussery, Keralam I met Yamaraj on a bus. Unfortunately he wasn't particularly happy to see me or the other UDF leaders.

**Tejashwi Yadav** @yadavtejashwi
Addressed a public meeting in Perambra assembly constituency. The LDF govt in Keralam is committed to social welfare and infrastructural development.

# 'Near extinction' of Maoists, govt plans to rebuild 'Red zones'

Officials estimate number of armed cadres, once above 6,500, has now dwindled to almost zero; over 22 central committee members either dead or surrendered

**MUKESH RANJAN, EJAZ KAISER, V V BALAKRISHNA, SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI AND MUKESH RANJAN** @ New Delhi/Raipur/Hyderabad/Mumbai/ Ranchi

MARCH 31, 2026, was not an ordinary financial year-ender. It was the deadline set by the government to eliminate the Naxal movement in the country. By the eve of this landmark date, the Union government signalled that India's decades-long battle against Left-Wing Extremism had reached a decisive stage.

Informing Parliament, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the Maoist menace was "near extinction," with a formal declaration expected after completing the remaining ground operations. Officials in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) emphasised that the focus has now shifted from elimination to consolidation, with coordinated security and developmental strategies being implemented to sustain gains and stabilise once-affected regions.

Over the past few years, security forces have dismantled the Maoist leadership and infrastructure through sustained, intelligence-driven operations. Top Maoist leaders such as Madvi Hidma and Nambala Keshava Rao alias Basavaraju have been killed, while others, including Tippiri Tirupati alias Devuji and Papa Rao, have surrendered. Ideologue Ganapathi is believed to have fled to Nepal, while key strategist Misir Besra is reported to be hiding in Jharkhand. The once-envisioned Red Corridor stretching from Tirupati to Pashupati has now been completely dismantled, marking the collapse of the Maoists' long-standing geographical ambition. Strongholds like Abujhmad, which remained under insurgent influence for over three decades, have been reclaimed within a short span.

Officials estimate that the number of armed cadres, once above 6,500, has now dwindled to almost zero. More than 22 Central Committee members have either been killed or surrendered in the past year alone. Only a handful of leaders remain unaccounted for, including strategist Misir Besra, believed to be hiding in Jharkhand, and ideologue Ganapathi, suspected to have fled to Nepal.

**ANTI-NAXAL OPERATIONS IN 2025**

- **99** Total number encounters
- Encounters resulted in killing of **317** Naxals and **884** arrested
- No. of surrendered extremists: Nearly **2,000**
- Weapons recovered: **677** (AK-47 rifles, SLRs, INSAS rifles and LMGs)

WAR ON RED TERROR

IEDs recovered **875**

Number of security forces casualties: **23**

**46** civilians killed in the year

The success is attributed not only to military operations but also to infrastructure expansion and outreach in governance. The construction of nearly 15,000 kilometres of roads and the installation of over 9,000 mobile towers have opened up remote forest regions, enabling both security access and civilian integration. The Centre has also identified 31 "Legacy Thrust Districts" across affected states.

Experts caution that while the armed movement has been weakened, the ideological undercurrents remain. Former Special Secretary, Internal Security, Ashok Prasad, highlighted the need for a four-pronged approach: eliminating remaining leadership, dismantling residual armed structures, countering ideological influence, and accelerating inclusive development.

Jharkhand continues to witness the final phase of anti-Maoist operations, with security forces focusing on eliminating the last remaining pockets of resistance. The Saranda forests in Chaibasa are believed to be the primary hideout of Misir Besra, the lone surviving Politburo member of CPI (Maoist), along with a small group of cadres.

Police estimate that fewer than 50 Maoists remain active, largely confined to dense forest terrain heavily embedded with improvised explosive devices, posing operational challenges. Security forces have intensified combing operations while simultaneously engaging in outreach efforts, contacting the family members of insurgents to encourage surrender.

In a recent initiative, police teams visited Besra's residence in Giridih to inform his family about the state's surrender and rehabilitation policy. Family members indicated willingness to persuade him if contact is re-established. Authorities maintain a dual approach, offering rehabilitation while warning of strict action against those who refuse to surrender.

Chhattisgarh, once the epicentre of Maoist violence, has declared itself free of armed insurgents, marking a historic milestone in a conflict spanning decades. The transformation is credited to sustained security operations, advanced intelligence coordination, and parallel socioeconomic development initiatives. Between January 2024 and March 2026, security forces killed 536 Maoists, facilitated 2,943 surrenders, and arrested over 2,000 individuals. A significant quantity of arms and explosives was recovered, including more than 1,600 weapons and over 1,500 IEDs neutralised.

The Bastar region witnessed an unprecedented deployment of forces and the conduct of strategic operations. For the first time, the national flag was hoisted in over 100 villages previously dominated by insurgents, symbolising restoration of state authority. Despite the success, the campaign came at a cost, with 42 security personnel losing their lives over the past two years.

The collapse of Maoist leadership between 2025 and early 2026 marked a turning point.

Telangana has emerged as a model for resolving insurgency through surrender and rehabilitation. According to state police, nearly all Maoists originating from Telangana have laid down arms. DGP B Shivadhar Reddy said that efforts over the past two years led to 721 Maoists surrendering and rejoining mainstream society.

In Maharashtra, the Maoist movement is on the verge of complete eradication, with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis stating that the insurgency has been "almost finished." The Gadchiroli district, once a major stronghold, has undergone a significant transformation. The state's specialised C-60 commando force played a crucial role in neutralising insurgents, supported by community policing initiatives involving local tribal youth. This approach improved intelligence gathering, disrupted Maoist operations, and prevented fresh recruitment.

Key milestones included the surrender of senior leader Giridhar Tumreti in 2024 and ideologue Bhupati in 2025.

# CAPF Bill passed in RS, govt says Oppn has no respect for set procedure

**PARVEZ SULTAN** @ New Delhi

AMID a walkout by opposition parties, the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday passed the Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Bill 2026 with a voice vote. The bill seeks to create a unified legal framework governing personnel across different forces, replacing the current patchwork of separate service rule regimes for the five CAPFs.

Replying to the debate, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said the bill was placed before the House not as a legislative proposal but with a purpose to strengthen the security system of the country. "The bill is an important step in the direction of resolving inconsistencies in the service rules, cadre management, appointment-related issues, among others, to boost the efficiency and morale of armed forces," Rai said. He added that the bill aims to create an umbrella structure for resolving anomalies and streamlining its structure for better coordination.

The Opposition staged a walkout demanding that the bill be sent to a select panel of Parliament. Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge said the minister's reply didn't address the main issues related to institutionalisation of deputation, adverse impact on morale and career progression, lack of consultation and representation and lack of concern for judicial direction.

Responding to Kharge, Leader of the House JP Nadda accused the Opposition of disrespecting parliamentary procedures. "They (Opposition) don't have any interest in debate. They don't have any respect for parliamentary procedure," he said.

The bill provides that to appoint officers from the IPS in CAPFs, 50% of the posts will be filled by deputation in the rank of IG and a minimum of 67% of the posts by deputation in the rank of ADG. The proposed legislation comes after the Supreme Court, in October last year, dismissed the Centre's plea seeking a review of its 2025 verdict that directed that IPS officers' deputation in CAPFs up to the level of Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) should be "progressively reduced" and asked for a cadre review in six months.

Earlier, the MPs of NDA lauded the Bill, calling it a long-pending reform, while the opposition slammed it as "discriminatory" and a "threat' to institutional autonomy.

## POWER CORRIDOR

### PLAN TO UP LS SIZE TO HIT SOUTH, SAYS CONG

The Congress on Wednesday claimed that the Modi government is proposing to "bulldoze" a bill to increase the size of the Lok Sabha by 50% with the number of seats allocated to each state also to be increased by 50 per cent, and said such a move would "disadvantage" smaller states in the South, Northeast and West. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said a rise in the gap in the strengths of states in the Lok Sabha will place South Indian states at a disadvantage.

### 'IBC IMPROVES HEALTH OF BANKING SECTOR'

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) has helped improve the health of the Indian banking sector, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. Parliament passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026, after the Rajya Sabha approved the Bill with a voice vote. It was approved by the Lok Sabha on March 30. The minister said the World Bank observed in 2019 that reforms to India's insolvency regime increased creditor recovery rates.

### LS NOD TO JAN VISHWAS AMENDMENT BILL

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a Bill to amend certain provisions in different laws for decriminalising and rationalising minor offences to further promote ease of doing business and living. The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026, was passed with a voice vote. The Bill proposes to amend 784 provisions of 79 Central Acts administered by 23 ministries. It seeks to decriminalise 717 provisions and amend 67 provisions to facilitate ease of living. It also seeks to rationalise more than 1,000 offences.

# Sparks fly as Kharge, Rijiju argue on Iran crisis debate

**RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR** @ New Delhi

A heated exchange of words erupted in the Rajya Sabha between Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge and Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Wednesday after the Congress chief demanded a discussion on the West Asia conflict, which he said has led to an LPG shortage and rise in cylinder prices.

When the Chairman permitted the minister to speak on the bills listed for discussion, Kharge said the BJP has time to pass a legislation but not to debate the Iran war despite notices. Kharge said, "LPG prices are rising, but they (government) don't want to discuss it. Whatever we suggest, they disagree. What they want, they enforce it forcibly. Is it a democracy?"

Rijiju said Opposition leaders were absent from the all-party meeting on the crisis. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made statements on the matter in both Houses. Kharge questioned the Prime Minister's absence.

"Just as the PM sent his representative, we also sent our representatives," he said. Rijiju criticised the Congress for politicising an issue that he said is not directly linked to India. "The Prime Minister reduced excise duties so that people do not suffer due to rising costs. Despite handling such a big crisis, you are politicising the matter. This is a time to stand united and not do politics," Rijiju said.

The minister alleged that Kharge's only role in the House is to insult the PM. Kharge demanded that minister withdraw his remarks.

# HAL, Air Force review of Tejas Mk1A to decide about timely induction

**JAVARIA RANA** @ New Delhi

WITH the Tejas Mk1A programme mired in persistent delays, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and the Indian Air Force (IAF) are set to hold a critical programme review later this month to take stock of progress and finalise a revised induction timeline, it is learnt. Sources in the defence establishment said senior officials from the IAF and HAL will meet in New Delhi to assess the progress made on mandatory operational requirements, benchmarks considered non-negotiable for the aircraft to be accepted into service.

"The outcome of the review will be decisive. If the programme is sufficiently on track, the IAF is likely to take delivery of the first Mk1A within the next two-three months. If not, further slippages are likely," the source said.

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Source

The mandatory requirements include completion of missile firing trials, integration of the radar with the electronic warfare suite and validation of the full weapons package.

"The IAF is pushing for clarity on when the first aircraft, already over two years behind schedule, will finally be inducted," the source added. "We have granted certain exemptions from contractual obligations, and if the mandatory requirements are met, we would take the fighter as soon as possible."

The delays come as the IAF grapples with a squadron shortfall, operating just 29 fighter squadrons against a sanctioned strength of 42.5. Beyond delays in the supply of GE F404 engines from the US, the integration and certification of the Israeli EL/M-2052 AESA radar has added to the timeline pressures.

In February, HAL declared five Mk1As ready for delivery, saying the aircraft had incorporated "major" contracted capabilities. But sources that while the five aircraft described as "ready" incorporate key contracted capabilities, not all contracted capabilities have yet received certification, with certain mandatory clearances pending. This paper was the first to report that the Mk1A would miss its March delivery deadline owing to pending certifications and operational clearances.

Earlier, HAL had projected March as the delivery window during the Mk1A's maiden flight in Nashik last October. Before that, it had indicated that the first two aircraft would be handed over by October. Separately, HAL is yet to close out the IAF's original Tejas Mk-1 contract. Of the 40 aircraft ordered, comprising 16 IOC single-seaters, 16 FOC single-seaters, and eight twin-seat trainers, 38 have been delivered.

# SIR tribunals can consider fresh evidence: SC

**SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY** @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday, while hearing a batch of petitions challenging the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal, permitted appellate tribunals to consider fresh documents in electoral roll disputes, but only after verifying their authenticity.

In his reply, the chief justice of the Calcutta High Court submitted to the Supreme Court that around 47 lakh out of the 60 lakh objections in the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls in West Bengal have been disposed of till March 31.

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi said they have received a letter from the chief justice of the HC on Tuesday. "We are quite happy and very optimistic about the facts and figures. Let us allow tribunals to function and deal with exclusions or inclusion in the voters' list. Rival parties will claim there should be 100% inclusion or exclusion," the top court said and fixed the matter for further hearing to April 6.

The chief justice also informed the Supreme Court that by April 7, all the respective objections will be decided.

In its order, the SC noted that the 19 appellate tribunals notified and set up by the ECI in the state for final adjudication of applicants will have full access to the records and materials placed before the original adjudicating authorities (judicial officers) to effectively decide the finality of appeals concerning inclusion or exclusion from electoral rolls.

The court held that the appellate tribunals must examine the records, consider the reasons given by judicial officers, hear the parties and pass reasoned orders.

**19 appellate panels to have access to records**

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## SC slaps fine on Centre for needless appeal

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

SLAMMING the Centre for getting into unnecessary litigation, the Supreme Court on Monday imposed costs of ₹25,000 on it for challenging a Punjab and Haryana High Court order setting aside a CISF official's dismissal.

"We fail to understand why the Union of India has challenged the order of the high court division bench. Who is the biggest litigant? Costs should be imposed," said a two-judge bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Ujjal Bhuyan.

While upholding the HC order, the top court also granted the official back wages.

# New rule on end-of-life plastic disposal lenient towards industry, warn experts

**JITENDRA CHOUBEY** @ New Delhi

THE Central government's new plastic waste management rule, notified on Tuesday, aims at promoting the burning of plastic to produce energy and allow a carry-forward target of recycling and reuse.

According to experts, the new rule is lenient towards the industry, which may limit its effectiveness. The new Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2026, will replace the 10-year-old regulation and will come into effect at the start of the new financial year.

The new rules explicitly endorse the 'end-of-life disposal' of plastic waste for energy recovery. This includes co-processing in industries such as cement and steel, waste-to-energy (WTE) processes, waste-to-oil conversion, and use in road construction, all in accordance with applicable guidelines.

One notable introduction in the rule is a carry-forward mechanism that allows companies to defer their recycling targets. If a company does not meet the required recycling or reuse target for rigid plastic packaging (Category I) in the 2025–26 fiscal year, it will not face immediate penalties. Instead, it can carry forward the unfinished portion to subsequent years.

"This change provides an escape hatch for all fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) companies, as none have been able to meet the targets for FY2025-26. Last year, when the target came into force, many opposed the recycled content requirement for PET water and beverage bottles," said Omprakash Singh, a plastic waste management expert.

Packaging contributes to an estimated 40% of total plastic use, a significant portion of which is single-use. Swathi Seshadri, Energy Specialist in Petrochemicals for South Asia at IEEFA, pointed out that India lacks the capacity to promote reuse effectively, as the rule does not prioritise it.

**COPS**

Two Himachal constables were suspended for negligence of duty after they allegedly kept the heroin they seized and demanded money from the accused, officials said.

3 DEAD IN HOUSE COLLAPSE IN J'KHAND'S DHANBAD

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PM says the opposition party faces a definite defeat for 3rd time in a row in Assam • Bengal leader of opposition to file nomination today

# BJP HAT-TRICK CERTAIN: MODI

**PRASANTA MAZUMDAR** @ Guwahati

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday predicted the NDA's hat-trick in power in Assam, citing a huge turnout at his Gogamukh rally in Dhemaji as a sign of public support. "The BJP-NDA government's hat-trick is certain in Assam. The Congress's hat-trick of defeats is also certain. Assam is forming a BJP-NDA government for the third time in a row. For the Congress's so-called prince, he will suffer a century of defeat," Modi said while addressing the gathering.

He said Assam had seen a new era of service and good governance over the last 10 years, first under Sarbananda Sonowal and then under Himanta Biswa Sarma. Modi praised the Assam BJP for the "excellent" Sankalp Patra (manifesto) released on Tuesday. "The Sankalp Patra released on a 'Mangalbar' (Tuesday) will bring more 'Mangal' to Assam," the Prime Minister said. He expressed confidence that the steps outlined in the manifesto would create more government jobs as well as opportunities for self-reliance for the state's youth. He also lauded the BJP's decision to spend ₹5 lakh crore on infrastructure development in the state. "More than 22 lakh poor families in Assam have received pucca houses in the past few years. The Sankalp Patra states that those left out of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana will also be covered," Modi said, adding that 15 lakh more families would receive pucca houses under the scheme in the coming years.

He said around three lakh women in Assam had become "Lakhpati Baideu" and that the BJP aims to increase this number to 40 lakh.

"The decision to introduce a Uniform Civil Code and protect indigenous communities, along with the culture and traditions of Sixth Schedule areas, is a major step towards safeguarding Assam's identity. The BJP fulfills what it promises," he said. He added that youngsters aged 20–25 had experienced BJP-NDA governance rather than what he described as the "dark era" of Congress rule. He said that earlier, Assam was associated with news of violence, but in the past decade, the "double-engine government" had paved the way for lasting peace.

Speaking at another rally in Biswanath later in the day, Modi alleged that the Congress had attempted to introduce a "dangerous" law to appease vote banks.

"Ahead of the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress-led government at the Centre attempted to enact a communal violence law to appease its vote banks. This bill held the majority community responsible for riots, while religious minorities were portrayed as perpetually oppressed," he said.

He added that the BJP-NDA had opposed the bill and prevented its passage. "Now, 12 years later, the Congress is proposing a similar law in Assam. The Congress can go to any extent for power," he said.

Modi highlighted various development initiatives undertaken in Assam over the past decade. He referred to the highway airstrip on the Moran bypass in Dibrugarh, where fighter jets can land and take off, and the proposed twin-tube underwater rail-cum-road tunnel under the Brahmaputra.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at an election rally at Biswanath in Assam on Wednesday | PTI

## Kolkata CP under EC lens for TMC, BJP protests

Kolkata Police Commissioner Ajay Nand has come under scrutiny of the Election Commission of India following repeated political clashes outside the office of West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Agarwal in the capital. The Commission is reportedly dissatisfied with the handling of law and order during demonstrations by Trinamool Congress and BJP workers since Monday. Agarwal is expected to send a detailed report to the ECI on the violence, including Tuesday's clashes and a late-night gherao by a Trinamool councillor over bulk submission of Form 6 applications. The CEO's office termed the incident "anti-social" and warned of legal action. The CEO also noted that pending non-bailable warrants remain unexecuted. Opposition leaders questioned Nand's neutrality, raising concerns ahead of the two-phase assembly elections. Suvendu Adhikari, Leader of the Opposition, alleged, "I doubt Nand could carry out his duties impartially without showing any favour in the coming elections." Nand's tenure is being debated, hardly two weeks after the ECI appointed the new Kolkata CP in place of Supratim Sarkar on March 16.

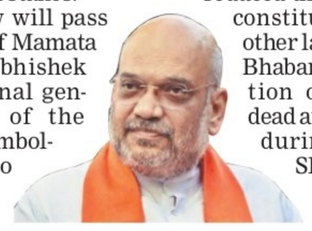
# Shah to take Suvendu dare to Mamata's home turf with a roadshow

**SUBHENDU MAITI** @ Kolkata

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah will on Thursday attend the nomination filing of BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari and take part in a major roadshow at Bhabanipur. His presence at the programme and a rally near the residence of Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee sets the stage for the most prestigious electoral showdown between the CM and the Leader of Opposition in the Assembly.

Adhikari is scheduled to submit his nomination papers at the Survey Building before leading a procession from Hazra Crossing, where Shah is expected to join him. Shah is also likely to address a rally close to Banerjee's residence on Harish Chatterjee Street, underscoring the high political stakes.

The roadshow will pass near the homes of Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee, national general secretary of the TMC, adding symbolic significance to the contest.



A decorated tableau carrying Shah and Adhikari will halt around 200 metres from the Survey Building. From there, both leaders will walk to the venue where Adhikari will file his papers. Adhikari, who defeated Banerjee in Nandigram in 2021, is also contesting from that seat this time and has already filed his nomination there.

Shah's participation comes days after his sharp attacks on the ruling dispensation, during which he alleged corruption, infiltration, and governance failures, and released a detailed chargesheet against the state government. Leaders of the BJP see the high-voltage campaign as a key effort to consolidate support amid perceived anti-incumbency sentiment.

Electoral roll revisions have reduced the voter base in the constituency, adding another layer of complexity. Bhabanipur saw the deletion of around 47,000 dead and duplicate voters during first phase of SIR, along with another 14,000 adjudicated electors.

**'Saying party will try to give justice in 100 days isn't politiisation'**

Reacting to CM Himanta Biswa Sarma's charge that the Congress is doing politics over Zubeen Garg's death, Vadra said that saying the party would make its best effort to give justice within 100 days was not politicisation. "Isn't it our duty to say that yes, we are going to make every effort to get justice?" she asked.

# 'Assam in grip of mafia, syndicate rule': Priyanka asks people to rise, save state

**PRASANTA MAZUMDAR** @ Guwahati

CONGRESS leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday attacked the ruling BJP in Assam, alleging that there is "mafia and syndicate rule" in the state. Addressing a rally at Tingkhong in Dibrugarh district, she called upon people to rise and save Assam, saying that they were seeing everything but not speaking up.

"…The government is betraying you. Everything you have is being taken away and given to large industrialists. There is one family looting your land and your industry…One person has become so corrupt that his family is looting everything. Corruption is spreading. Mafias and syndicates are being promoted," Vadra alleged.

She claimed that schools were being shut down, salaries were not being hiked and people had neither employment nor access to education and healthcare services. "The tea gardens have made Assam famous worldwide. You have tea, minerals, oil, coal, land, natural beauty, tourism sites and history. You have everything, yet you don't have anything today. Everything that you have been endowed with is being looted right in front of your eyes," Vadra said.

Targetting the government over welfare schemes, she said, "You don't become a beneficiary of a scheme in Assam free of cost. You are forced to attend BJP rallies and programmes or else, your name will be deleted." She appealed to the people to elect a government that understands their problems and will work to solve those.

**The idea is to understand the drug problem and then make targeted policies which will have better outcomes** —Bhagwant Mann, Punjab CM

# Punjab to get data on families for drug fight

**HARPREET BAJWA** @ Chandigarh

THE Punjab government on Tuesday started an extensive drug and socio-economic census drive, with 28,000 employees asked to conduct the survey of 65 lakh families in the state.

The exercise aims at determining the magnitude of drug abuse, identifying specific substances used, and assessing the impact on socio-economic factors like employment, poverty, and education levels. It is expected to be completed within three months.

The initiative aims to create a "scientific" strategy to combat the drug menace by collecting household-level data, shifting the focus from enforcement to targeted rehabilitation.

Punjab CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the first-ever survey will play a crucial role in ensuring equitable and targeted policy-making. "The idea is to understand the drug problem and then make targeted policies which will have better outcomes," he said, and added that this exercise aims to assess the living standards of all communities while maintaining complete confidentiality.

Mann said that the survey was being conducted to know the extent of the drug problem and also assess affected people's income and socio-economic status, including their education.

Sources said that the data collected in the census would help them frame better rehabilitation policy for drug addicts. Till now, the focus of the government was on enforcement, and this survey marks the shift towards the rehabilitation of drug addicts.

**BLAST ROCKS CHANDIGARH BJP OFFICE**

A low-intensity blast occurred outside the Punjab BJP office in Chandigarh, reportedly after a "crude" device was hurled at it. No injuries have been reported. Banned terror outfit Babbar Khalsa claimed responsibility, alleging retaliation for the killing of Ranjit Singh, an accused in the murder of an ASI and a home guard. An NIA team reached the site to probe the blast.

# Four held, 40 booked in Nalanda case

**RAMASHANKAR** @ Patna

A day after a stampede at Sheetla Mata temple in Nalanda left nine people, including eight women, dead and 12 injured, police on Wednesday arrested four priests and registered a case against 40 people. Bihar DGP Vinay Kumar ordered a security audit of all religious places across the state.

"An FIR has been registered at the Deepnagar police station against 20 named people and 20 unidentified persons. Those named in the FIR include the president, secretary, and treasurer of the temple's management committee," a police official said. The arrested priests have been identified as Anuj Kumar Pandey, Awadhesh Kumar Mishra, Vivekananda Pandey, and Niranjan Kumar Pandey.

Deep Nagar police station SHO Rajmani and four other police personnel were suspended on Tuesday following reports of security lapses and poor crowd management at the temple. According to police officials familiar with the details, the preliminary investigation into the stampede suggests that the fault lies with the SHO of Deepnagar police station under whose jurisdiction the temple falls. Sources said the SHO was assigned duty at Rajgir in view of President Droupadi Murmu's visit.

The DGP said, "A special investigation team has already been set up to look into circumstances that led to the tragic incident. There were more than 8,000 devotees present in and around the temple premises. The temple management did not take care to arrange queues of devotees."

Bihar State Religious Trusts Board Chairman Ranvir Nandan visited the temple on Wednesday. He admitted that there were lapses at the management level as a huge crowd was supposed to assemble at the temple on Tuesday. "Registration of the temples and improved management are imperative to prevent such incidents in the future," Nandan said.

The preliminary inquiry found that inadequate crowd management arrangements led to the tragic incident, sources said. Investigators are also verifying whether some people accepted money to allow devotees to bypass queues, leading to a sudden surge in crowd pressure. Security audit will assess whether entrance and exit gates are arranged according to the expected number of people at religious places, the DGP said.

# Gangotri National Park now open to tourists after six-month winter break

**NARENDRA SETHI** @ Dehradun

AFTER a winter hiatus, the doors to the pristine wilderness of the Gangotri National Park (GNP) have been officially thrown open to tourists, marking the start of a six-month adventure season. With the onset of the trekking window, enthusiasts can now explore high-altitude marvels, including the legendary Gaumukh-Tapovan route and the rugged beauty of the borderlands.

Harish Negi, Deputy Director of the Gangotri National Park, formally inaugurated the season on Wednesday by opening the Kankhu barrier, the gateway to the Gaumukh trek, following traditional rituals. Subsequently, gates leading to the Nelang Valley and the historic Gartang Gali were unlocked, allowing visitors access to regions bordering China.

"We began issuing permits for these sought-after destinations on Wednesday," Negi told this newspaper. "On the very first day, we witnessed an encouraging footfall, with over 100 tourists exploring Gartang Gali and 25 visitors venturing into the Nelang Valley."

The park, which encompasses a vast expanse of the India-China border and some of the world's most formidable peaks, offers a unique blend of spirituality and adventure. The Gaumukh-Tapovan trek, spanning approximately 18 to 22 kilometres, remains the crown jewel, offering pilgrims and trekkers a chance to witness the source of the holy Ganga. To preserve the fragile ecosystem, authorities have capped daily entries for this trek at 150 individuals.

History buffs and adrenaline seekers are particularly drawn to Gartang Gali, a wooden staircase carved into a vertical cliff face. Once a vital trade route between India and Tibet, the path was closed for decades following the 1962 India-China war.

After a comprehensive restoration in 2021, it has re-emerged as a major attraction, offering tourists a thrilling 'sky walk' experience.

As the season progresses, officials expect a surge in visitors eager to experience the remote and breathtaking terrain.

# Amid strong blowback, FCRA bill put on hold

**PREETHA NAIR** @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Wednesday put the proposed amendments to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) on hold amid mounting opposition to the contentious changes and political heat ahead of the Kerala Assembly elections.

While the amendment bill has drawn sharp criticisms from the CPI(M), church groups, and Congress, BJP's Kerala chief Rajeev Chandrasekhar said the Centre would not proceed without addressing the concerns raised by various sections, including Christians. He added that the BJP's Kerala unit has requested the Centre not to pass the bill at this stage.

The FCRA (Amendment) Bill, introduced in the Lok Sabha last week, sparked a row as it gives the Centre the power to appoint a designated authority which would control the funds and assets in case the FCRA certificate is cancelled.

Currently, around 16,000 associations are registered under the FCRA and receive ₹22,000 crore annually, according to the statement of objects and reasons of the bill

The bill was listed for consideration in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday but Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiran Rijiju said it would not be taken up after protests by Opposition members.

As soon as the Question Hour began at 11 am, opposition members, mainly from Kerala, started raising slogans against the Bill.

Rijiju said the intent is to protect national security and interest and asserted that it was aimed at preventing misuse of foreign contributions.

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### Fadnavis outreach for BMC standing panel

The BJP with the help of Shinde-led Shiv Sena came to power in Asia's largest civic body BMC, but it was not able to decide the exact role of each party in the standing committee. Each party gets representation in the standing committee as per its number of corporators. Each party's support is key to get a financial proposal's approve. Given the standing committee's importance, the job of reaching out to parties was entrusted to CM Devendra Fadnavis' close aide Mohit Kamboj. To break the ice and broker an understanding on the committee, Kamboj invited key opposition leaders like Aditya Thackeray, Raj Thackeray and Supriya Sule for his daughter's birthday at a five-star hotel.

### Ajit Pawar party faces Maratha trouble

Marathas and Muslims constitute the core vote base of the NCP. Marathas rallied behind Sharad Pawar. After the NCP split, some supported Ajit Pawar group. A majority of the NCP MLAs belong to the Marathas. After Ajit Pawar's death, Sunetra Pawar took reins of her husband's party as its national president. But the day-to-day functioning of the party remains with non-Maratha leaders -- Praful Patel in Delhi and Sunil Tatkare in Maharashtra – creating ripples among the party's elected representatives. NCP MLAs are worried about erosion of the party base if course correction is not done.

### Pawar Senior puts party over his health worry

The 86-year-old NCP (SP) patriarch, Sharad Pawar, of late has been spending more time in hospitals than with party affairs. He admitted that he does not keep well nowadays, so he needs to visit hospital frequently. But despite his respiratory illness, Pawar recently attended Vasandada Sugar Institute's general body meetings in Pune. He also informed his party leaders that he will soon travel across Maharashtra. During this tour, he would meet farmers and various stakeholders who are facing the heat of the West Asia conflict. To surprise of his party leaders, he said he would regularly tour the state.

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Under the said JDA, the Owners have granted development rights to the us.

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| 3 | KSDL/2025-26/IND1195 | Procurement of 9 inch Machine Made Raw Agarbathi Sticks (Domestic Origin) | 350 MT | 31-03-2026 | 15-04-2026 |
| 4 | KSDL/2025-26/IND1164 | Procurement of Cleated conveyor belt for Production line number 1 to 11 | Goods | 31-03-2026 | 16-04-2026 |
| 5 | KSDL/2025-26/IND1180 | Procurement of modern gadgets for KS&DL Security department | Goods | 01-04-2026 | 16-04-2026 |
| 6 | KSDL/2026-27/IND1196 | Procurement of Mysore Sandal Rose Hand Wash Pouch - 750ml | 141000 Nos. | 01-04-2026 | 17-04-2026 |
| 7 | KSDL/2026-27/IND1197 | Procurement of Mysore Sandal Herbal Hand Wash Pouch - 750ml | 141000Nos. | 01-04-2026 | 17-04-2026 |
| 8 | KSDL/2026-27/IND1198 | Procurement of Corrugated box with Honeycomb partition and top plate for Mysore Sandal Rose and Herbal Hand Wash Pouch-750ml | 17500 Nos. | 01-04-2026 | 17-04-2026 |

For any further queries/clarifications please contact the undersigned.

**Sd/- Asst. General Manager (Materials)**

## LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD

**BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL , HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025**

### E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **Physical Possession (S)** in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of LIC HFL will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & without any recourse basis on Date of auction, as per the brief particulars given here under.

**Name of Borrower/s- Mr. Babu Reddy N**
**Loan No – 410400008907& 411900015415**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Sy. No. 59/2, New Survey No.59/4 and old Survey No.57/3 New Survey No.57/4 Situated at DoddaThogur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East by : Road West by : Property bearing No. 57/3 North by :Others Property South by: Others Property. Measuring 16.5 guntas.**
**All that piece and parcel of Sy. No. 57/3, Situated at DoddaThogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East by : Sy No.59/2 West by : Property belongs to Gowramma North by : Others Property South by : Government Drainage. Measuring 1 Acre 5 guntas.**

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|---|---|
| **Date of Demand Notice** | **29/10/2022** |
| **Amount Demanded** | **Rs.10,59,57,789.00 (Rs.64,672,373.00+ Rs. 41,285,416.00) with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.** |
| **Date of Possession** | **Physical Possession 03/03/2023** |
| **Account Details** | **Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd, Account Number: LHFLBA410400008907 IFSC Code: HDFC0000009** |
| **Reserve Price** | **Rs.33,41,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty-three Crore Fourty-one Lakhs Only)** |
| **EMD** | **Rs.3,34,10,000 /- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty-four Lakhs Ten Thousand Only)** |
| **Total Amount payable as on date** | **Rs. 17,09,05,541.26 /- (rupees Seventeen Crore Nine Lakh Five Thousand Five Hundread Fourty-one Rupees And Twenty-six Paisa Only)** |
| **Website of E-Auction** | **https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/ & https://www.auctionbazaar.com/** |
| **Date & time of Inspection of Photocopies of property documents** | **15 APRIL 2026 & 10:30AM to 3:00PM** |
| **Address where property documents can be inspected** | **BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL, HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025** |
| **Inspection of the Property Date for inspection and time** | **16 APRIL 2026 & 10:30AM to 1:00PM** |
| **Contact person** | **Mr. A.S.R PHANINDRA, Associate Chief Manager, Mob No: 8008177199** |
| **Last date of submission of Online Tender / Bid** | **17 APRIL 2025 till 3PM** |
| **E Auction Date & Time** | **18 APRIL 2025 & 11 AM to 3PM** |

**Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) LICHFL invites OFFERS through online mode only to purchase the said property as per the following Terms and Conditions as mentioned below:**

**1.** E-Auction Sale is being held on **'As is where is Basis is' and 'As is what is Basis', 'whatever there is Basis' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis', and will be conducted "Online".** The E-Auction will be conducted through LIC HFL approved E-auction service provider – **https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ 2.** To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, no other encumbrance exists on the mortgaged property, except as disclosed in the publications. However, the interested Bidders to conduct their own independent due diligence verifications regarding the Location and Identity of the property, Inspection of Public records in the Sub Registrars' Offices/Civil Courts, to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labor Dues, electricity, and maintenance dues, etc., of the Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, (if applicable), if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties over and above the Reserve Price. LICHFL will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, liabilities, etc., of whatsoever nature pending upon the properties as mentioned above. **3.** The intending bidders should register their names at portal "website of E-auction service provider" as mentioned in the auction sale notice (as published in newspaper advertisement). **4.** The E-auction Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder/ website also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders. **5.** Every bidder is required to have his/her own email address in order to participate in the online E-auction. Once Intending Bidder formally registers as a qualified tenderer before Authorized Officer of LICHFL, will have to express his/her interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting documents. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login ID and password from the E-auction service provider. **6.** The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the Reserve Price mentioned above. **7.** If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payments or fails to adhere to the terms and condition of E-Auction in any manner the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim as such for forfeited amount. **8.** The offer/s along with the aforesaid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted **"online"** through the portal eg., **"www.auctionbazaar.com"** along with the EMD and scanned copy of KYC documents including PAN Card & (Aadhar Card) address proof, to the service provider, mentioned above on or before the Bid Submission due date & time as per other details of Auction above. Authorised Officer is not bound to accept highest offer made by the bidder if not acceptable to the secured creditor. **9.** Every Bidder shall deposit EMD before participating in E-Auction. The said Deposit/s shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidder/s, otherwise refunded. The said earnest money deposit/s will not carry any interest. **10.** Initial Bidding increment is **Rs 25000/-.** However, Authorised Officer will state bidding increment amount percentage for each property if, decided otherwise. **11.** The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, within 24 hours of bid acceptance by the Authorized officer/next working day before close of cash hours, in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale unless decided otherwise by Authorised Officer in writing, the maximum period allowed is 90 days, beyond which time-period cannot be extended. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder. **12.** The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable on sale certificate, such as registration fees, stamp duty, taxes, or any other duties payable for getting the secured asset transferred in his/her name. **13.** The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the successful bidder and only after receipt of the entire sale price. **14.** The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s that they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the properties mentioned above, as per the terms and Conditions of the E-Auction Sale. **15.** Inspection of the photocopies of documents and Property Inspection of the above said properties can be done on the dates stated in the advertisement. Interested bidders shall contact the designated official as per the other details of E-Auction mentioned above. All conveyance and other expenses related to Inspection of the property/document copies shall be borne by the interested bidders.**16.** The LIC Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice. **17.** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor, viz., LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

**Place: Bangalore**
**Date : 02.04.2026**

**Sd/-**
**Authorized Officer**
**L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd, Bangalore**

## THE MYSORE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED

ISO 9001 COMPANY

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
P.B. No. 2221, Tumakuru Road, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru - 22.
Ph: 23376851(6 lines) 23376641 (4 lines) Fax: 23371811
e-Mail: **mei.matls9@gmail.com** Visit us at **www.mei.karnataka.gov.in**

No: MEIL/2025-26/IND0436 to IND0450 Date: 31.03.2026

### NOTIFICATION

**Turn Components, Copper Flats, M.S. Sheets, Insulators, Flexible Connectors & Bearings**

**Calendar of Events: (1)** Publishing of documents by e-Procurement cell: **31.03.2026. (2)** Last date for submission of Queries: **04.04.2026. (3)** Last date for submission of Technical & Financial Bids (Cover I & II): **08.04.2026. (4)** Opening of Technical Bids: **09.04.2026. (5)** Opening of Financial Bids: **10.04.2026. Visit us at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- General Manager (Procurement)**

## WESTERN RAILWAY

**MANUFACTURING, SUPPLYING AND STACKING WORK**

Deputy Chief Engineer(C)Works, Western Railway, 1st floor, Station Building, Churchgate, Mumbai-400 020, invites **e-Tender No.: CAO-C-Ballast-2025-26-01. Name of Work:** Manufacturing, supplying and stacking of 50mm size machine crushed Track Ballast at JOBAT (Depot) Railway Station, Western Railway and loading the same into Railway's hoppers. **NIT Cost:** ₹ 8,28,01,528/-. **Bid Security:** ₹ 16,56,100/-. **Bidding Start:** 06.04.2026. **Bid Submission Closing:** On 20.04.2026 at 15:00 Hrs. **Tender Document Opening:** On 20.04.2026 at 15:30 Hrs. For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in** 1272

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## ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edapally, Cochin- 682024

### PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

| Sr. No. | Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No. | Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any | Amount Outstanding | Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit | Date and Time of Property Inspection | Date & Time of E-Auction |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | (F) | (G) |
| 1. | Mr. Abhilash Mahadev (Borrower) Mrs. K Vijayalakshmi Ammal (Co- Borrower) Loan Account no. LBBNG00006081135, TBKOM00006681878, LBKOM00006685533 LBKOM00006097039 | 3 BHK House with Land area 2174 in built up area of 1680 Sq.Ft in 2 Ares (4.94 Cents) in Re Sy No. 237/11-20 in Chennithala Village, Mavellikara Taluk, Alappuzha District-690104. Bounded on the North: Pathway South: Property of Harikumar East: Panchayath Road West: Property of Shanthamma | Rs. 60,40,914/- (as on March 30, 2026) | Rs. 34,50, 000/- / Rs.3,45, 000/- | May 07, 2026. from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM | May 15, 2026 from 10:30 AM to 11.30 AM |

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link-assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency M/s. Matex Technologies Private Limited The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by May 14, 2026 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edapally, Cochin – 682024 on or before May 14, 2026 before 03.00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before May 14, 2026 before 05.00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edapally, Cochin- 682024 on or before May 14, 2026 before 05.00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Cochin.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 9655225532/8138023587.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : April 02, 2026 Place: Bangalore Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

## Canara Bank, ARM Branch I

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

**(A Government of India Undertaking)**

**2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.**

### SALE NOTICE

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch-1, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **23.04.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.30 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 1,14,78,408.30** (Rupees One Crore Fourteen Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Eight and paise Thirty only) as on 01.03.2026 with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **1. Mr. Vishwanath Marakatti S/o. Krishnappa,** No. 14K, 127/4, Sri Ranga Shankara, 1st Floor, 5th A Main Road, NRI Layout, Dooravani Nagar, Kalkeri Village Main Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentionedin the said challan on or before **22.04.2026, 5.00 pm.** **(Rs. in Lacs)**

| Lot | Description of the immovable/ movable assets | Reserve Price Rs. | EMD Rs. | Incremental value Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Schedule A Property : Item No. 1 :** All that piece and parcel of the Residential House list No.20, Old Khata No.24/1 and 24/2, present BBMP Khata No.987/38/24//1/24/2/20 situated at Sarakkikere village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, present comes within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru and Measuring East to West : 67.00 feet and North to South : 37.50 feet, in all measuring 2512.50 Sq. feet. **Boundaries as follows : East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.19, **South by :** Private Property. **Item No. 2 :** All that piece and parcel of the Residential House list No. 19, Old Khata No. 24/1, present BBMP Khata No. 998/24/1/19, situated at Sarakkikere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, present comes within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru and Measuring East to West : 67.00 feet and North to South : 37.06 feet, in all measuring 2512.50 Sq. feet. **Boundaries as follows : East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.18, **South by :** Site No. 20. **Composite Schedule Property :** All that piece and parcel of the combined property of Item No.1 & 2, bearing site No.19 and 20, Old Khata No.24/1 and 24/2, present BBMP Khata No.998/24/1/19 and 987/38/24//1/24/2/20 situated at Sarakkikere village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, present comes within the limits of BBMP, Puttenahalli, Ward No.187, Sarakkikere, Bengaluru and Measuring East to West : 67.00 feet and North to South : 75.00 feet, in all measuring 5025.00 Sq. feet. **Boundaries as follows : East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.18, **South by :** Private Property. **Schedule "B" Property :** Residential Apartment of Flat No.301 (3 BHK) in 2nd Floor, East facing in the building known as "Devi Grand View" having super built up area of 1500 sq. feet with right to use common areas and amenities and one car parking with undivided right, title and interest of 279 sq. feet in schedule "A" property belonging to Mr.Vishwanath Marakatti. | 54.00 | 5.40 | 1.00 |

**Known encumbrances, if any:** Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in **Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com)** or E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 9901642631 and 9483544116** during office hours on any working day.

**Date: 31.03.2026**
**Place: Bangalore**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Canara Bank**

## Canara Bank — ARM-1 Branch

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

**(A Government of India Undertaking)**
**Head Office: Bangalore**

**ARM-1 Branch,**
**2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,**
**M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001**
**Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com**

### SALE NOTICE

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **05.05.2026 at 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM,** for recovery of **Rs. 75,05,278.07 (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight and Sven Paise Only) as on 26.03.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru** of Canara Bank from **(1) Mr. Anand Raj T** S/o Mr. G Thammaiah, **(2) Mrs. Shivaram Subbamma** W/o Mr. Anand Raj T, **Both are residing at:** No. 176, Gullamma Road, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore-560084.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **04.05.2026 - 6.00 PM.** **(₹.In Lakhs)**

| Lot | Description of the immovable assets: | Reserve Price | EMD | Incremental Value | Inspection date & time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Schedule A' property :** All that piece and parcel of property residentially converted land measuring 2 Acres 8 Guntas in Sy No. 108/2, situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, (Land converted for non agriculture residential purposes vide Official Memorandum dated 11/11/1992 vide B/DIS/ALN/SR(A)/103/1998-99, issued by Special Deputy Commission, Bangalore), together with 200 residential apartment known as Garden Residency unit/s in A,B,C,D, E & F Blocks together with car parking slots and bounded on the : East by Land in Sy No.108/2, West by Road, carved out of Kharab land, North by Road, carved out of Kharab land, Sotuh by: Tank Bed. **Schedule 'B' property :** 400 sq. ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in schedule 'A' property which is the corresponding undivided share in respect of Schedule Apartment Unit. **Schedule 'C' property :** All that piece and parcel of property comprising one apartment unit, i.e. Flat bearing Flat No. E-203, Totally measuring a super built up area of 1089 Sq.ft situated in the second floor, in E Block, along with one Covered Car Parking space in the basement/Surface/Stilt Floor, (which is also inclusive of Balconies and and proportionate share in the common areas). **Schedule 'C' property :** All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.101, in the ground floor of residential complex now known as "Kranthi Enclave" of super built up 1450 sq feet area consisting of Two bed rooms, one Hall, One Kitchen, Three Balconies, two bathrooms together with 290 sq. ft of undivided share, title, right and interest and co-ownership rights in the land described in the schedule together with proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies lifts staircases and other areas of common use. | ₹. 45.56 | ₹. 4.56 | ₹. 1.00 | **10.04.2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer** |

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **(www.canarabank.com)** or **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.080-25310066, 7022044933 and 903960346** during office hours on any working day.

**Date : 01.04.2026**
**Place: Bengaluru**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Canara Bank**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring the notice to the General Public that Originally **Smt. Farhathunnissa** W/o Iqbal Sheriff owned the Immovable Residential Property having purchased the same from M.A Mohammed Hussain through Registered Sale deed dated 15.07.1970, she has sold the property in favour of Sri. N. Muneer Ahmed S/o Late Nazeer Ahmed dated 01.03.1984, in turn he has sold in favour of Smt. Humera Begum dated 10.04.1996, and the said Smt. Humera Begum has sold the property through her G.P.A Holder Mr. Rasool Khan dated 05.03.1997 in favour Mr. Shameel Ahmed through Registered Sale deed dated 11.09.2002. Thereafter some rival claimants were interfered the schedule property Mr. Shameel Ahmed was filed original suit No.1598/2003 against them and the said suit was decreed in his favour dated 27.02.2006. In turn he has sold Eastern Half Portion of the Property in favour of Mr. Khashif Vide Registered Sale Deed dated 21.02.2018. And later Mr. Khashif has sold the property in favour present Vendors Mr. Saleem Pasha S/o Late Abdul Azeez and Mrs. Tahseen W/o Mr. Saleem Pasha through Registered Sale Deed dated 10.03.2020. My client Mr. Mohammed Asgar S/o Mr. Basha (M) 9845961624 has intent to purchase the schedule property with the Present Vendors, if any claim from the previous vendors or any person's having asserting any right, title, interest, or claim, intending to oppose the purchase in any manner whatsoever, may file their objections with documentary proof within 7 days hereof, where after, no such claims or objections will be entertained, and my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property as Bonafide Purchaser.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of the Eastern Portion of Residential Immovable Property Land Building Consisting of Ground and First Floor R.C.C. Roof House Premises New B.B.M.P. EP No.19-113-K291, Situated 11th Cross, Muneshwara Nagar, Kadugondanahalli, Bangalore-5600 45, in B.B.M.P. Ward No.31-Kushalnagar, Bangalore New E- Khata 1242119230 ULPIN Location Puls Code Sl. No.2119625 Measuring East to West 15 Feet North to South 30 Feet. Totally measuring 450 Sq. Feet, with building structure standing thereon with all civic amenities. And bounded on the : East by: Site No. 20, West by: Remaining Portion of Same Property No.19, North by : Site No. 18, South by: 20'Feet Road.

**HAFEEZULLA KHAN M, ARIFULLA KHAN,** Advocate
#11/9, Bowring Hospital Road, Shivajinagar,
Bangalore-560 001. Mob: 9448071528/9449108941,
Date:01-04-2026

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that Late S. Govindappa, S/o Late Seenappa, was the absolute owner of the immovable properties more fully described in the Schedule hereunder. Late S. Govindappa was married to Smt. B. R. Pramila (who is my client's sister), who predeceased him on 21.01.2018. No children were born out of said marriage. The said S. Govindappa died on 10/03/2026 at Bengaluru. During his lifetime, he had executed his Last Will and Testament (while he was in a sound and disposing state of mind), bequeathing all his movable and immovable properties in favour of my client Sri. B. R. Chandrashekar, S/o Late B. Ramaiah, residing at No. 1520, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Kurubarapete, Kolar Town – 563101 and also nominated him as nominee in respect of his bank accounts. It is hereby brought to the notice of the general public that, one Smt. G. Shobha Rani has recently surfaced and she is falsely claiming to be the daughter of Late S. Govindappa and is attempting to deal with (to create third party interest) the properties and assets of late S. Govindappa based on created and questionable documents. Therefore, the general public is hereby cautioned not to enter into any transaction, such as sale deed, agreement of sale, joint development agreement (JDA), General Power of Attorney, lease/rental arrangement, mortgage, mou, licence or any other form of dealing in respect of the Schedule properties with the said Smt. G. Shobha Rani or any person claiming through or under her. The general public is further cautioned not to deal with or operate any bank accounts, deposits or movable assets standing in the name of Late S. Govindappa in association with the said Smt. G. Shobha Rani. In-spite of this public notice, any person dealing with the said Smt. G. Shobha Rani or any third party claiming through her, they would be doing so at his/her/their own risk, cost and consequences, and such transactions shall not bind on my client who is the lawful beneficiary under the Will executed by late S. Govindappa. It is further informed that, disputes in respect of the estate of Late S. Govindappa are pending and are being pursued before the appropriate authorities and courts.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTIES**

**ITEM NO. 1:** House Property bearing Municipal No: Old No:18, New No.65, ePID No.3813293458, Khatha/PID/Sy.No: 47-17-18, New PID No. 033-40214-1, measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 58 feet, totally measuring 1450 sq.ft, with commercial building thereon, Situated at : 2nd Main Road, Sudhamanagar, Bangalore and bounded on; East by : K. Shivaramaiah; West by : C.V.Anantharao; North by : K.S.Lingappa; South by: Road (hereinafter referred to as Said Property

**ITEM NO. 2:** House Property bearing Site No. 603, Khatha No.630/10, ePID No.8158297298, situated in IV-(T) Block, Jayanagar, measuring East to West 60 feet, North to South 40 feet, in total measuring 2400 Sq. feet, and having a residential building thereon consisting of Ground Floor measuring 37ft X 27ft (972 Sq.mtrs) and the First floor measuring 339 Sq. Ft, and bounded on; East by: Site No-638; West by : Road; North by : Site No-602; South by: Site No-604

**ITEM NO. 3:** Property bearing Site No.22, Khatha No.224/22, Property No.224/22, formed in Sy. No. 26 & 33, measuring on East 91.40 meters, West : 91 meters, North : 55.80 meters and South : 44.20 meters, Situated at Veerasandra Industrial Area Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, and bounded on : East by : Site No-23; West by : Site No-20 & 21B; North by : Site No-18 & 17; South by : KIADB Road

**R R DEVENDRA GOWDA,** Advocate
No. 39/8, 7th Main, Indiranagar,
Bengaluru – 560 038 Mobile : 9243134051
Bengaluru, Date : 02/04/2026

## IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDL SENIOUR CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI

### O.S.NO.440/2017

**BETWEEN :** Sri. Narayanaswamy, S/o Late DoddaBayanna, Ged about 56 years, Residing at Byappanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanaka Taluk, Bangalore – 562149 ...Plaintiff

AND Smt. Akkayamma & Others ...Defendants

15. Sri.Shankar Lal Sharma, S/o. Prabhu Dayal Sharam, Aged About 54 Years, R/at No. 13, 3rd Main, Aswathanaga, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore -560094 ...Defendants No. 15

WHEREAS, the plaintiff has instituted an above still for partition and separate possession in respect of the suit schedule property and alleged sale deeds in suit schedule property against you and others. You are hereby summoned to appear in the court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on 2/05/2025 at 11.00 A.M. to answer the claim. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

**SCHEDULE**

ITEM No. 1 All the piece and parcel of property bearing in sy no. 3/1 measuring 1 acre 10 guntas out of 4 acers 3 guntas situated at Byappanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, trough bouned on **East by:** Gowdara Munishamappa, **West by:** Sathnur to Mittiganagalli Road, **North by:** Mugannappa and Anjinappa, **South by:** Khumraj's Land

ITEM No. 2 All the piece and parcel of property bearing in sy no. 3/1 Measuring 1 acre 10 guntas out of 4 are 3 guntas Situated at Byappanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, trough bouned on **East by:** Gowdara Munishamappa, **West by:** Sathnur to Mittiganagalli Road, **North by:** Banaramma Land, **South by:** Lakshamma Land

ITEM No. 3 All the piece and parcel of Property bearing in sy no.3/1 Measuring 1 acre 10 guntas out of 4 acre 3 guntas Situated at Byappanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North taluk, trough bouned on **East by:** Anjinappa Land, **West by:** Sathnur to Mittiganagalli Road, **North by:** Patel Muniswamappa Land, **South by:** Ashwathamma and Chandramma Land

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, This day of 13th March 2026

By The Oder Of The Court
III Addl Senior Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli

ADDRESS FOR SERVICE:
Sri.S. Mallikarjunaswamy, Advocate
No. 1133, I Floor, 1st Main, Narayanappa Building, Yeswanthapura Bangalore – 560022, Ph: 9902142701

**6 killed**
two injured as gunman opens fire during Jirga meeting in northwest Pakistan

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

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# UK to host multi-nation meeting on Hormuz shipping

## Countries that signed statement backing efforts to ensure safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz will join talks

**LONDON**

BRITAIN will this week hold a meeting of about 35 countries to discuss how to reopen the strategic Strait of Hormuz which has been crippled by the West Asia war, Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced on Wednesday. UK Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper will host the discussions, Starmer told reporters during a Downing Street press conference, without specifying the day of the talks.

WAR WATCH

The meeting will "assess all viable diplomatic and political measures that we can take to restore freedom of navigation, guarantee the safety of trapped ships and seafarers and resume the movement of vital commodities", Starmer said. The discussions will include countries who recently signed a statement saying they were ready "to contribute to appropriate efforts to ensure safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz", Starmer said. Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the Netherlands are among those to have signed it."I do have to level with people on this. This (reopening) will not be easy," Starmer said.

### Starmer defends NATO

Meanwhile, the UK leader also backed NATO following renewed criticism of the eight-decade-old alliance by US President Donald Trump. "NATO is the single most effective military alliance the world has ever seen, and it has kept us safe for many decades, and we are fully committed to NATO," Starmer said. Asked whether he would reconsider US membership, he replied: "Oh yes, I would say (it's) beyond reconsideration," the paper reported.

Iranians attend the funeral of Alireza Tangsiri, commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards' navy alongside others killed in US-Israeli strikes on Iran at Enghelab Square in Tehran | AFP

### Iran strikes hit Qatar, Kuwait

Kuwait said its international airport was hit by Iranian drones, sparking a large fire at fuel tanks but causing no casualties. Elsewhere, a tanker off Qatar was struck by projectiles, with a fire later extinguished and crew safe. Bahrain reported a fire at a facility, while Saudi Arabia said it intercepted drones. Iran has intensified attacks on Gulf infrastructure in response to US-Israeli strikes, raising fears over regional energy security.

### UN flags curbs on freedoms

Iran and countries across the West Asia are using the war as an excuse to clamp down on rights, the UN warned Wednesday as it denounced attempts to restrict the press in Israel and the United States. Just over a month into the war, UN rights chief Volker Turk warned governments have tightened security and restrictions on people's movements in public spaces, infringing their rights. *AFP*

### Iran leader backs anti-Israel resistance

TEHRAN: Iran's supreme leader vowed Wednesday his nation will continue to support anti-Israeli forces in the West Asia. The message from Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, like others since he was named Iran's new supreme leader, came in a statement read on air by a state television anchor. "I firmly declare that the consistent policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in continuing the path of the late Imam and martyred leader, is based on continuing to support the resistance against the Zionist-American enemy," Khamenei said in the comments from a letter to the Lebanese group Hezbollah.

### Pakistani ships arrive with oil at Karachi port

ISLAMABAD: A Pakistani vessel carrying oil arrived at the southern port city of Karachi after transiting the Strait of Hormuz, while a second vessel reached the port via a different route, a Karachi Port Trust spokesperson said on Wednesday. Spokesperson Shariq Farooqi said more Pakistani-flagged ships are expected this month to deliver much-needed oil from Gulf countries. The development comes days after Pakistan said Iran allowed 20 more Pakistani-flagged ships through the Strait of Hormuz, calling it a "constructive gesture" to ease tensions.

### Iran clears Bangladesh fuel ships transit

DHAKA: Iran has approved safe passage for six Bangladesh-bound fuel ships through the Strait of Hormuz, its envoy in Dhaka said. The vessels — five LNG shipments from Qatar and one crude cargo from Saudi Arabia — are awaiting transit amid ongoing regional conflict. Bangladesh, heavily reliant on imports, faces dwindling reserves. Iran said it aims to prevent hardship. Officials in Dhaka say confirmation is awaited, but developments appear positive as disruptions continue to impact vital oil routes. The ships carry nearly 5 lakh tonnes of LNG and about 79,000 tonnes of crude.

# US mission to secure Iran uranium risky, warn experts

**VIENNA**

SHOULD the US decide to send in military forces to secure Iran's uranium stockpile, it would be a complex, risky and lengthy operation, fraught with radiation and chemical dangers, according to experts and former government officials.

Donald Trump has offered shifting reasons for the war in Iran but has consistently said a primary objective is ensuring the country will "never have a nuclear weapon." Less clear is how far he is willing to go to seize Iran's nuclear material.

Given the risks of inserting as many as 1,000 specially trained forces into a war zone to remove the stockpile, another option would be a negotiated settlement with Iran that would allow the material to be surrendered and secured without using force. Iran has 440.9 kilograms of uranium that is enriched up to 60% purity, a short, technical step from weapons-grade levels of 90%, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the UN's nuclear watchdog agency.

That stockpile could allow Iran to build as many as 10 nuclear bombs, should it decide to weaponize its program, IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi told The Associated Press last year. He added it doesn't mean Iran has such a weapon.

Iran long has insisted its program is peaceful, but the IAEA and Western nations say Tehran had an organised nuclear weapons programme up until 2003. IAEA inspectors have not verified Iran's near weapons-grade uranium since June 2025, after Israeli and US strikes weakened its defences and nuclear programme. The lack of access has obscured its location. The agency believes about 200 kg of highly enriched uranium is stored in tunnels near Isfahan. *AP*

# TOP HEZBOLLAH COMMANDER AMONG SEVEN KILLED IN ISRAEL'S BEIRUT STRIKE

**BEIRUT**

Israel killed a top Hezbollah commander on Wednesday, two sources told AFP, in a Beirut strike that Lebanon's health ministry said killed seven people. A Lebanese security source and a Hezbollah source told AFP that the commander, Youssef Hashem, had been responsible for the group's military affairs in Iraq and was in a meeting inside a tent when Israel struck. Israel's military said Hashem was Hezbollah's commander for its south Lebanon front.

Lebanon was drawn into the West Asia war in early March when the Tehran-backed Hezbollah launched rockets towards Israel to avenge a US-Israeli attack that killed Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Israel has responded with massive strikes across Lebanon and a ground offensive.

A firefighter extinguishes a car at the site of Israeli airstrikes, in Beirut, Lebanon | AP

A source close to Hezbollah said Hashem is "the highest-ranking official to be targeted since the start of the war". Another Hezbollah member, Mohammad Baqir al-Nabulsi, was also killed in the strike on the Beirut area of Jnah, the group said.

Israel's emergency services said 14 people, including an 11-year-old girl, were wounded near Tel Aviv on Wednesday during a missile attack that the military blamed on Iran.

Later in the day, medics said they were treating a 61-year-old man in mild condition with blast injuries in the north following fire from Lebanon, where Israeli forces are fighting Iran-backed Hezbollah.

### Houthis claim Israel strike

Yemen's Houthis claimed a missile attack against Israel that they said was launched jointly with their backer Iran and Lebanon's Hezbollah group — the third such attack by the rebels since they entered the West Asia war. Earlier, Israel's military said its air defences had responded to a missile launched from Yemen, later announcing that residents were "permitted to leave protected spaces in all areas of the country". *AFP*

# Top court sceptical of Trump citizenship curbs

**WASHINGTON**

THE Supreme Court seemed poised Wednesday to reject US President Donald Trump's restrictions on birthright citizenship in a consequential case that was magnified by his unparalleled presence in the courtroom.

Conservative and liberal justices questioned whether Trump's order declaring that children born to parents who are in the US illegally or temporarily are not American citizens comports with either the Constitution or federal law. Arguments lasted more than two hours in a crowded courtroom that included not only Trump, the first sitting president to attend arguments at the nation's highest court, but also Attorney General Pam Bondi and Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, and in seats reserved for the justices' guests, actor Robert De Niro. Trump spent just over an hour inside the courtroom for arguments made by the Republican administration's SC lawyer, Solicitor General D John Sauer.

After court adjourned, Trump posted on Truth Social: "We are the only Country in the World STUPID enough to allow 'Birthright' Citizenship!" Actually, about three dozen countries, nearly all of them in the Americas, guarantee citizenship to children born on their territory. Trump heard Sauer face one skeptical question after another. Justices asked about the legal basis for the order and voiced more practical concerns. "Is this happening in the delivery room?" Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson asked, drilling down into the logistics of how the government would actually figure out who's entitled to citizenship and who's not. *AP*


**NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**

Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction)-II, Near Rail Community Hall, Rail Nirman Bhawan, North Western Railway, Ganga marg, Jagatpura, Jaipur- 302017 for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tender (Two packet). Tenderer shall on-line submit their original/revised offer before the date and time of closing of E-tender. **E-Tender Notice No.: NWR-SC-Civil-410640123, Date: 27.03.2026. Name of work with location**: Composite work for Construction of Office building, Officer's quarters type-V at Ganapati Nagar Railway Colony and Staff quarters type-II and type-III, type- IV, Officer Rest House, Subordinate's rest house at Loco Railway Colony, Landscaping, Overhead water tank 2, 50,000 Liter capacity, STP with 50 KLD capacity for RDSO in connection with RDSO Dedicated test track & other ancillary works at Jaipur. **Approximate cost of work**: ₹ 86,79,05,073.41. **Earnest Money to be deposited**: ₹ 1,73,58,200/-. **Completion Period**: 18 (Eighteen) months. **Closing Date & Time of submission of On line E-tender**: 15:00 Hrs. on 20.04.2026. **Website particulars where complete details of E-Tender can be seen: www.ireps.gov.in. Note**: No manual tender will be accepted. **471-AR/26**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**FOR LOST OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**

This is inform to the General Public, My Client **Smt. Deepti** W/o Sri. S. Muralikumar, aged about 35 years, Son of Sri. N. Shankarappa, Residing at No. 114, "G" Block, 7th Cross, Sahakara Nagara, my client lost the Page no. 6 in the Original Absolute sale deed, at the Xerox shop while taking photo copy of that sale deed at Kattigenahalli, in respect to the below mentioned Schedule Property, bearing **Registered Document No. GNR-1-00731-2012-13, Stored in CD No. GNRD52, Dated 23.07.2012**, and given E-lost (Police Complaint) report (U/s 155 CRPC) No. 2126729/2026, dated 26.03.2026. My Client further inform to the General Public, If any transaction carrying with the said documents my client is not responsible of any loss or right of the General Public in respect of schedule property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 77, comes under BBMP Khata No. 38/77, situated at Kattigenahalli VILLAGE, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 45-0 Feet and North to South 50 Feet and total measuring 2250 Sq feet, bounded on; **East by:** Road, **West by:** Site no. 78, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No. 76.

IF FOUND PLEASE CONTACT:

**A. MURTHY,** Advocate
No. 1, 5th Main, Bagalur Road, Opp. Big Market & ICICI Bank, Vinayakanagar, IAF Post, Bangalore- 560064.
Mobile: 9620511295. Date: 01/04/2026.

**BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BENGALURU**
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

**OA No. 59/2022**

**BETWEEN: CANARA BANK ... APPLICANT**

**AND: SRI. T.H. SAKANNA ... DEFENDANT**

**SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993,**

To, **SRI. T.H. SAKANNA,** S/o Sri. Hanumanthaiah, aged about 44 years, Residing at Thalagavara, Kasaba Hobli, Kodigehalli Post, Doddaballapura Taluk - 561 203. (PAN:FBSPS2052C)

Whereas, an Application which has been filed by the Applicant above named under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, praying to issue a Recovery Certificate against you to repay the Applicant Bank a sum Rs. 31,11,599.00 (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Eleven Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Nine only), as on 30.09.2021, along with an interest at the rate of 12.70% Per Annum plus a penal interest of 2% Per Annum from 01.10.2021 till the date of realization together with interest at the contracted rate and also future interests, has been registered by this Tribunal.

You are directed to appear before the DRT II, Bangalore on **06/04/2026** at **11:00 A.M.,** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice that in case of default, the Application will he heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 03/03/2026

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore.

**NOTICE**

It is hereby intimated that with effect from 02-07-2026 Branch operations of Asirvad Micro Finance Limited – NAGANATHAPURA BRANCH, 220, SARGAM COMPLEX, OPP NITYANAND HOSPITAL, NR. 3-RASTA ONGC ROAD, ANKLESHWAR - 393001Will be shifted to Asirvad Micro Finance Limited – CHANDAPURA BRANCH Vidhruthi Nilaya 9/A1st floor.Opp Hero showroom Anekal Chandapura main road near Nayara petrol pump Kaval hosalli-562106
for the better convenience in infrastructure. Customers may kindly note that all efforts have been taken to avoid inconvenience to the customers and still any difficulties are faced, all are requested to contact in the following numbers for further guidance

Branch Head No: 9023790224 / 9773464935
Area Head No: 7297073107
HO: 9025401720

**Asirvad Micro Finance Ltd.**
(Subsidiary of Manappuram Finance Limited)

Registered Office: Ceebros Manjula, 3rd Floor, Office No-1, New No. 39, Old No. 45, Montieth Road, Egmore, Opp : Indian Red Cross Society, Chennai,600 002.Tamilnadu, India

Corporate Office: Building NO:4/85 B, C & D, Chanthappadi, Valapad, Thrissur, Kerala,India-680567

**RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA**

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

| Sr. No. | Tender No. & Due Date | Description | Quantity | EMD (Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 17261118 17.04.2026 | FRP MODULAR TOILET PRE ASSEMBLED WITHOUT LAVATORY BOWL FACING (DRG.NO. 1 10113.0.30.095.002 ALT A) FOR LHB NON AC CHAIR CAR COACHES (390 LITRE). | 39 Set | 189410 |
| 2. | 17261135 20.04.2026 | SET OF FRP SIDE WALL PANELS FOR LHB AC2T COACHES | 32 Set | 770180 |
| | | SET OF FRP SIDE WALL PANELS FOR LHB SLR HOG COACHES (31-SEATER) | 118 Set | |
| | | SET OF SIDE WALL PANELS FOR LHB FIRST AC COACHES. | 21 Set | |
| 3. | 17261125 29.04.2026 | Set of Seat and Berth for L.H.B SLR Amrit Bharat Coaches. | 15 Set | 1,30,230.00 |
| 4. | 05252049E 27.04.2026 | Pront Part | 10 Set | Nil |
| 5. | 12251356B 30.04.2026 | 1. SUPPLY OF ONE COACH SET OF ALUMINIUM EXTRUSION/ MOULDING FOR LHB SCN AMRIT BHARAT COACHES | 182 Set | 2000000 |
| | | 2. SUPPLY OF ONE COACH SET OF ALUMINIUM EXTRUSIONS/ MOULDINGS FOR LHB SLR AMRIT BHARAT COACHES | 38 Set | |
| | | 3. SUPPLY OF ONE COACH SET OF ALUMINIUM EXTRUSIONS/ MOULDINGS FOR LHB GS AMRIT BHARAT COACHES | 258 Set | |
| 6. | 05261196 30.04.2026 | SET OF CARLINE WITH HL3 FEATURE FOR SCN COACH — PL NO. 33553403 | 72 Set | 123190 |

**CORRIGENDUM**

**1. Tender No.** 14251110A, **Due date:** To be read as 07.04.2026 instead of 27.03.2026; **2. Tender No.** 13255417; **Due date:** To be read as 02.04.2026 instead of 27.03.2026; **3. Tender No.** 05261047; **Description:** Supply and Apply (Installation, Commissioning & Testing) of 3- Types of Axle Mounted Disc Brake Systems With EP Assist Brake Systems For Amrit Bharat Coaches. **Due date:** To be read as 16.04.2026 instead of 17.04.2026; **4. Tender No.** 17261004, **Due date:** To be read as 07.04.2026 instead of 30.03.2026; **Description/ Drawings is modified for all items. Estimated Rates of Items:** Revised for all Items. **5. Tender No.** 17261006, **Due date:** To be read as 07.04.2026 instead of 30.03.2026; **Description/ Drawings is modified for all items. Estimated Rates of Items:** Revised for all Items

**1.** For details and making On-line Bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in** Class III- digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at website **http://www.cca.gov.in 2.** Tenders will close at 14.25 hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 hrs. S.No 1 to 3, 5 & 6 opened at RCF/Kapurthala and S.No. 4 Tender will opened at Tilak Bridge New Delhi; **3.** For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658

**PCMM**

**NO. 001-S/2025-26** **Dated: 01.04.2026**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

That, my client **Smt. Mishari Devi W/o Amolak Chand,** Residing at No. 2061, MIG, 3rd Stage, 16th B Cross, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560 064, is intending to purchase the schedule property for valuable consideration from its owner **K. L. Nagesh, S/o Lingegowda** and the vendor has acquired the subject property vide Sale Deed dated 19.02.2014 bearing as Document No. HSR-1-05233-2013-14 of Book-1, stored in CD No. HSRD167, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Hesaraghatta, who is the absolute owner in possession of schedule property and the revenue records also stands in his name. That, in case of any queries regarding the possession and title of schedule property from any general public, the interested person/s can communicate the below mentioned address with the relevant documents within 7 (seven) days from the day of this notice., failing which it will be presumed that there are no objections and my client will be proceed to complete the sale transaction with the vendor.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece & parcel of the immovable property bearing Old Survey No.105, present Sy.No.105/2, measuring 5.08 guntas, situated at Mylappanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District, and bounded on:

**East by:** Property of Lakshminarayana,
**West by:** Property of Ramanna,
**North by:** Road (towards Muttugada halli),
**South by:** Property of Lakshminarayana.

**Date:01.04.2026** **Place: Bengaluru**

**Address for communication:**
**M. A. NAVANEETH, ADVOCATE**
**Office at No.4, 1st Floor, Ayodhya Complex, Mini Vidana Soudha Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru -64.**
**Mob No.: 97405 35415**

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1,
B.S.N.L. BUILDING
4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE,
RAJ BHAVAN ROAD,
BENGALURU- 560001
OA No. 335/2024

Between:
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
And
Smt. Gagandeep Kaur ...Defendants

To,
1. Smt. Gangandeep Kaur,
W/o Sri Abhishek Tewari,
Aged About 39 Years,
H. No.1000, Phase 2, Urban Estate, Jamalpur Awana,
Ludhiana- 141010
Also at- Smt. Gagandeep Kaur,
W/o Sri Abhishek Tewari
Aged About 39 Years,
T15-1406, Skylark, 14th Floor,
Kodigehalli Village,
Krishnarajapuram Hobli,
Bangalore East Taluk, Banglore-560045
2. Sri Abhishek Tewari,
S/o Sri Lalit Mohan Tewari,
Aged About 39 Years,
H. No. 1000 Phase 2, Urban Estate, Jamalpur Awana,
Ludhiana- 141010.
Also at-
Sri Abhishek Tewari,
S/o Sri Lalit Mohan Tewari,
Aged About 39 Years,
T15-1406, Skylark, 14th Floor,
Kodigehalli Village,
Krishnarajapuram Hobli,
Banglore East Taluk, Banglore-560045.

Summons issued to Defendant under Rule 23(Viii) of Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules of 1993 by way of Paper Publication

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs. 63,09,074/- (Rupees Sixty-Three Lakhs Nine Thousand and Seventy Four Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.
The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on 15/05/2026 at 10:30 a.m. as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day 20/03/2026.

By the Order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-1
Bangalore

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

The general public is hereby informed that M/s Bank Officers and Officials House Building Cooperative Society having its registered office at No. 599/A, Narayana Nagara 1st Stage, Doddakallasandra, Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru- 560 062 (hereafter "Society") is the absolute owner of the property morefully described in the schedule hereinbelow. In respect of the property, Smt Jagadamba has filed the suit in O.S. No. 6521/2014 has filed suit on the basis fabricate and concocted documents and frivolous grounds. The suit came to be dismissed vide Judgement & Decree dated 17/04/2023. During the pendency of the said suit, the Said Smt. Jagadamba W/o Mr. G. Jagadeesh, (2) Mr. Parveez Ahmed S/o Mr. Shabbir Ahmed (3)Smt. Syeda Sufia W/o Mr. Parveez Ahmed (4) Dr. Mohamed Umar Nayaz S/o Mr. Mohamed Showkath Pasha (5) Smt. Bibi Hajira Sameen W/o Dr. Mohamed Umar Nayaz, in collusion with each other fabricated further sale deed to raise loan from ICICI Bank, Commissariat Road, Bangalore 560 001, in the guise of making sale transaction. M/s ICICI Bank has granted loan on the basis of fabricated documents and a deed of mortgage has been executed and registered vide document no. 1) KEN-1-9762/2021-22, dt. 10.03.2022 and 2) KEN-1-09758-2021-22, dt. 10.03.2022. The said mortgage transaction is not binding on the Society and the same is void transaction. In the circumstance, after knowing about the creation of documents, the Society has filed the suit in O.S. No. 1387/2022 before the city civil court at Bengaluru seeking for the relief of declaration and Injunction. In the said suit, the Civil court has issued injunction, not to alienate the property pending disposal of the suit. The suit is pending for consideration.

It is reliably learnt that the above stated parties including the ICICI Bank may tried to sell the property purportedly for discharging the loan granted by M/s ICICI Bank or in enforcement of security interest, the ICICI Bank may try to sell the property. In the event, any one is dealing with the above stated persons or their agents including M/s ICICI Bank in respect of the schedule property, they will do so at their own risk and cost. The public are informed that the society never sold the schedule property to any one and not the party to the transaction between the above stated persons in any manner.

**SCHEDULE**

1. All that Piece and parcel of the Northern Portion of Property bearing No. 79/5A, Katha Property No. 79/5A, situated at Doddakallasandra village, uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, with in the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, ward No. 197- Vasanthapura and measuring:
East to West : 57-0 [Fifty Seven] Feet, North to South: 45-0 [Forty Five] Feet,
Totally Measuring : 2565 Square Feet,
And bounded on:
East by : Muniyappa's Property West by: Road
North by : Road, South by: Remaining Southern Portion of same Site No. 79/5A, sold to Dr. Mohamed Umar Nayaz and Bibi Hajira Samreen
Registered Sale Deed No. KEN-1-09753-2021-22, dt. 10.03.2022

2. All that Piece and parcel of the Northern Portion of Property bearing No. 79/5A, Katha Property No. 79/5A, situated at Doddakallasandra village, uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, with in the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, ward No. 197- Vasanthapura and measuring:
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Totally Measuring : 2565 Square Feet
And bounded on:
East by : Muniyappa's Property West by : Road
North by : Remaining Southern Portion of same Site No. 79/5A, sold to Parveez Ahmed and Syeda Sufia South by: Husman's Property
Registered Sale Deed No. KEN-1-09754-2021-22, dt. 10.03.2022

Place: Bangalore
Date: 01-04-2026

By order and in the name of Board of Directors
Sd/- Chief Executive

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**BRIEF NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (NIET)**

On behalf of the President of India, item rate e- tender are invited for the following works:

**Name of the work : NIT NO & Date:** Foundation Work for 20kL capacity LN2 tank at LEOS Campus, Peenya, Bangalore- 560058 NIET No: CMG/LEOS/2025-26/LMN-11 Dtd: 30.03.2026; **Estimated cost put to tender in Rs. 5.12 Lakhs; EMD Rs : 10,240/-; Period of Completion in months :** 03 months; Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 02.04.2026; **Closing Date :** 15.04.2026

**Name of the work : NIT NO & Date:** Improvements to the old Toilets at LEOS & Aryabhata campuses, Peenya, Bengaluru-58 (Civil & PH works) NIET No: LEOS/CMG/CW-04/2026-27 Dtd: 26.03.2026; **Estimated cost put to tender in Rs. 89.91 Lakhs; EMD Rs : 1,79,820/-; Period of Completion in months :** 10 months; Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 01.04.2026; **Closing Date :** 15.04.2026

**Name of the work : NIT NO & Date:** Rate contract for supply & installation of LED light fittings at LEOS campus, Peenya, Bengaluru-58- for a period of one year NIET No: LEOS/CMG/EMN-08/2025-26 Dtd: 25.03.2026; **Estimated cost put to tender in Rs. 14.64 Lakhs; EMD Rs : 29,280/-; Period of Completion in months :** 12 months; Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 06.04.2026; **Closing Date :** 20.04.2026

**Name of the work : NIT NO & Date:** Electrical works proposed for new Watchtower at LEOS Campus, Peenya, Bangalore-560058 NIET No: LEOS/CMG/EMW-11/2025-26 Dtd: 25.03.2026; **Estimated cost put to tender in Rs. 8.73 Lakhs; EMD Rs : 17,460/-; Period of Completion in months :** 06 months; Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 01.04.2026; **Closing Date :** 14.04.2026

**Name of the work : NIT NO & Date:** Electrical works for renovation of Toilets in at LEOS campuses, Peenya, Bangalore-58 NIET No: LEOS/CMG/EMW-12/2025-26 Dtd: 25.03.2026; **Estimated cost put to tender in Rs. 16.35 Lakhs; EMD Rs : 32,700/-; Period of Completion in months :** 10 months; Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 02.04.2026; **Closing Date :** 16.04.2026

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting e-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

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*Delhi Mandi Price

# March GST collection rises by 8.8% to ₹2 lakh cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE gross GST revenue collection in March hit ₹2 lakh crore, showing an 8.8% year-on-year increase over ₹1.83 lakh crore in the year-ago period.

After accounting for all refunds, the total net GST revenue for the month stood at ₹1.77 lakh crore, reflecting an 8.2% increase over ₹1.64 lakh crore collected in the same month of the previous year.

A closer look at the components reveals that the gross domestic revenue has gone up by 5.9% in March to ₹1.46 lakh crore, which previously stood at ₹1.38 lakh crore in March 2025. This domestic collection consisted of ₹40,549 crore in CGST, ₹53,268 crore in SGST, and ₹52,385 crore in IGST. In contrast, revenue from imports showed robust growth, with gross import revenue (IGST) reaching ₹53,861 crore, an 17.8% increase over the ₹45,739 crore collected in March 2025.

"While robust collections and consistent refunds bolster the fiscal narrative, the persistent rise in import GST coupled with a softening in export refunds underscores a widening trade gap," said Saurabh Agarwal, Tax Partner, EY India.

There has been a significant rise in the refund amount too, with the total refund for March amounting to ₹22,074 crore, up by 13.8% from ₹19,400 crore in the same month previous year.

Maharashtra accounted for the highest collection with a total of ₹18,001crore in Post-Settlement in this month.

# Govt caps ATF price hike at 25% for domestic airlines as rates up 100%

Govt says it allowed only partial pass-through of ATF price to prevent rise in domestic airfares

Skyrocketing fuel prices
Aviation turbine fuel price increases 115% to ₹2.07 lakh per kilolitre on Wednesday from March levels

1 Overseas or charter operators will have to bear the full impact of the jet fuel price rise

2 The govt also increases commercial LPG rates by ₹195.50 per cylinder

3 Surge in commercial cylinder prices is due to 44% surge in Saudi Contract Price

**PSU OMCs in consultation with Ministry of Civil Aviation, have passed only a partial and staggered increase of 25% to the airlines**

Petroleum ministry

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE impact of the West Asia war between Iran and Israel has started taking a toll in India, as the country has significantly increased the prices of commercial LPG cylinders, aviation turbine fuel (ATF), and premium petrol and diesel on Wednesday.

For the first time, ATF or jet fuel — which constitutes 40% of the total operational expenditure of airlines — was more than doubled, rising 115% to record ₹2.07 lakh per kilolitre on Wednesday from March levels. However, for domestic airlines, the price hike was capped at 25%, with the government allowing only a partial pass-through to prevent a steep rise in airfares in the country. As per oil marketing companies, ATF for domestic airlines in Mumbai is ₹98,247 per kilolitre, against the full price of ₹1.95 lakh.

However, international or charter operators will have to bear full impact, with the price of ATF in Delhi jumping 107% to $1,690.81 per kilolitre. As per the petroleum ministry, due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and the extraordinary situation in global energy markets, the price of ATF for domestic markets was expected to increase by over 100% on April 1 for all users.

"In order to insulate the domestic travel costs from the substantial increase in international prices, PSU oil marketing companies of the Ministry of Petroleum, in consultation with Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), have passed only a partial and staggered increase of 25% (only ₹15/litre) to the airlines. Foreign routes will pay for the full increase in ATF prices consistent with what they pay in other parts of the world," the MoPNG posted on social media platform X.

The government also raised commercial LPG rates by ₹195.50 per cylinder, along with a ₹2 per litre hike in XP95, Power95, and Speed fuels. A 5-kg mini cylinder has become costlier by ₹51. A 19-kg commercial LPG cylinder now costs ₹2,078.50 in Delhi. Rates were last increased by ₹114.5 per 19-kg cylinder on March 1.

Domestic cooking gas LPG rates, last hiked by ₹60 per 14.2-kg cylinder on March 7, remain unchanged. It costs ₹913 per 14.2-kg cylinder in Delhi. The Centre cited the ongoing war as the reason, which has disrupted cargo movement through the Strait of Hormuz, a vital choke point that transports 40% of India's crude oil imports, over 50% of its LNG imports, and 90% of its LPG.

# IndiGo raises fuel surcharges for second time

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AIRFARES are set to get pricier as IndiGo has revised fuel charges on domestic and international routes for all new bookings made after 0001 hrs on April 2, 2026. The move by the country's largest airline comes after the oil marketing companies (OMCs) revised aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices on Wednesday.

It also comes despite the joint secretary at the civil aviation ministry Asangba Chuba Ao's remark that the government's decision on a limited increase of jet fuel price ensures that carriers' domestic operational costs remain manageable and will not lead to additional fuel surcharge.

IndiGo had last month introduced a fuel surcharge between ₹399 and ₹2,300 for domestic and international flights as the ongoing conflict in West Asia triggered a sharp rise in energy prices.

The fresh revision, which is now based on distance travelled, takes the fuel surcharge up to ₹950 (above 2000 km) for domestic flights and up to ₹10,000 for flights to Europe and the UK (other than Greece and Turkey). It is expected that other airlines will also revise their fuel surcharge.

APRIL BULLS

# Market rebounds, investors' wealth soars by ₹13 lakh cr

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity markets opened the financial year 2026-27 on a strong note amid expectations that the West Asia conflict may come to a conclusion in two-three weeks. US President Donald Trump said the war with Iran could end within weeks, adding that securing the Strait of Hormuz should be handled by oil-reliant nations while Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian stated that they have the necessary will to bring the crisis to an end.

These comments lifted the global equity market with Brent crude prices briefly falling below the $100 per barrel mark. In the Asian market, Japan's Nikkei and South Korea's KOSPI rose 5% and 8% respectively on Wednesday. Most European and US indices were also up in the range of 2-4%.

The BSE Sensex ended 1,187 points or 1.65% to 73,132 while Nifty 50 rose 348 points or 1.56% to settle at 22,679. In the intraday session, the Sensex rose over 2,000 points, or 2.8%, to the day's high of 73,965, while the Nifty 50 rose 2.7%, to the day's high of 22,941.

Investors' wealth soared by ₹13 lakh crore as overall market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms rose to ₹425 lakh crore from ₹412 lakh crore in the previous session. Broader markets outperformed the benchmarks with the Nifty Mid Cap index rising 2.2% and the Small Cap index climbing 3.4%.

"Indian equity markets opened FY27 on a strong note, driven by improving risk appetite following US President Donald Trump's remarks hinting at a potential resolution to the West Asia conflict. Broad-based buying lifted benchmark indices, with mid- and small-cap stocks outperforming large caps, aided further by a stabilising rupee and softening crude oil prices," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments.

Nair added that elevated bond yields and intraday volatility capped gains, keeping the overall advance measured rather than emphatic.

**STRONG START**

1 BSE Sensex closes 1.65% higher at 73,132

2 BSE-listed cos' valuation up at ₹425L cr from ₹412L cr

3 Market rises on hope of resolution to Iran war

4 Mid- and small-cap stocks outperform large caps

RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE

# ORACLE LAYS OFF THOUSANDS GLOBALLY, 12,000 IN INDIA

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

WHAT began as a routine WEEKDAY morning quickly turned unsettled for thousands of employees at Oracle, as termination emails landed in their inboxes without warning.

On March 31, staff across multiple regions reported receiving notices as early as 6 am, informing them that their roles had been eliminated with immediate effect. "Today is your last working day," the email stated, citing "organisational change" as the reason. Access to internal systems was revoked shortly after, leaving many to absorb the news in isolation.

As per multiple reports, the US-based technology company has begun a large-scale restructuring exercise that could affect between 20,000 and 30,000 employees globally, about 18% of its workforce of 162,000. India is believed to be among the worst-hit regions,

with reports suggesting that about 12,000 employees may have been impacted.

The layoffs span several departments, including engineering, cloud operations, sales and cybersecurity. While the company has not officially confirmed total number of job cuts or detailed severance arrangements, accounts shared online show how abruptly the changes took place.

The layoffs are a part of Oracle's ongoing restructuring as it shifts resources towards AI and cloud infrastructure. The company has announced plans to invest $50 billion in AI infrastructure.

The scale of layoffs has triggered reaction online, particularly on X, Reddit and LinkedIn, where current and former employees have shared their experiences. One Reddit post that drew attention alleged a long-serving Oracle employee battling cancer was dismissed via email after 20 years with the company. "My dad has worked for Oracle for 20 years, worked for the same boss for 20 years," the user wrote. "Not even a phone call."

The claim has not been independently verified, but it has intensified discussion around how major technology firms are handling job cuts during restructuring.

Several other users also reported receiving similar emails. One commenter wrote, "I was with the company for 29 years and got laid off via email today."

# Govt offers one-time duty relief for SEZ units

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

AMID global trade disruptions due to West Asia crisis, the Centre on Tuesday announced a one-time relief measure for eligible Special Economic Zone (SEZ) units to allow them sell manufactured goods in the domestic tariff area (DTA) at concessional Customs duty rates.

The scheme, introduced by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) in line with the Union Budget 2026-27 announcements, will remain operational from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027.

Scheme to remain valid till Mar 31, 2027
The scheme, introduced by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, to remain operational from Apr 1, 2026 to Mar 31, 2027.

The relief applies to SEZ units operational as of March 31, 2025. To avail this scheme, the Centre has set eligibility criteria like minimum 20% value addition and cap on domestic sales linked to past export performance. DTA sales have been capped at 30% of past peak export record in any of three immediately preceding financial years.

"By allowing SEZ units to sell up to 30% of their export turnover in domestic market, the one-time relief window introduces a calibrated and controlled flexibility which will ease pressure faced by existing units in SEZ due to global trade disruptions," said sources from finance ministry, adding that the 30% cap on domestic sales ensures SEZ units can't shift their focus away from exports.

Under the revised framework, goods manufactured in SEZs when sold domestically will attract slightly lower basic Customs duty (BCD).

# Tax relief for assets bought before Apr '17

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

THE government on Wednesday clarified that capital gains from assets acquired before April 1, 2017 will be exempted from tax. The clarification comes as fallout of the Tiger Global ruling, in which the Supreme Court denied the US private equity firm Mauritius tax treaty benefits on capital gains it made on the sale of unlisted Flipkart shares in 2018.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has notified changes in Rule 128 of the Income-tax Rules, 2026 to clarify that capital gains accrued up to 1st April 2017 are protected from subsequent changes in tax regulations. The notification further says that the tax treatment of capital gains on assets acquired prior to 1st April 2017 is unlikely to be subject to renewed scrutiny by the authorities, whether in terms of substance or under the General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR).

Riaz Thingna, Partner, Grant Thornton Bharat, says the clarification is a result of the Tiger Global ruling, which had created uncertainty over the applicability of grandfathering provisions in respect of assets acquired prior to April 1, 2017.

RUPEE

# More curbs on speculative INR trading by banks

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

WITH the cap on banks taking speculative positions on rupee in overseas forward markets failing to yield desired results, the RBI has barred banks from offering non-deliverable derivatives (NDFs) in INR anymore to anyone (resident or foreign). NDFs are contracts where no actual currency is exchanged.

In a new diktat, the RBI has said banks can still offer normal (deliverable) forex derivatives for genuine hedging (like exporters/importers managing currency risk), but users cannot take opposite positions in NDFs elsewhere to game the system. If a forex derivative contract is cancelled, the user can't rebook it again. This stops people from cancelling and re-entering trades to take advantage of market movements.

Banks have been asked not to enter such derivative contracts with their own related entities (group companies, affiliates, etc.). These instructions come into effect immediately, until further review. Last week, the RBI directed banks to limit their net open position in rupee (NOP-INR) in the onshore deliverable market to $100 million at the end of each business day, in a move aimed at managing exchange rate volatility. Despite the newly-introduced cap on rupee bets, the rupee fell like ninepins on Monday to cross past the 95.20 for the first time in the second half of the trade.

# Car sales defy West Asia crisis, rise 16% in March

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

PASSENGER vehicle (PV) wholesales rose 16% year-on-year to about 450,000 units in March 2026, shrugging off fears of fuel and CNG shortages amid the West Asia conflict. Despite repeated government assurances of adequate supplies, panic-buying persists at petrol pumps and CNG stations across India.

For the full financial year 2026, PV sales scaled a new high of 47 lakh, up 8.3% year-on-year, with leading brands such as Maruti Suzuki India (MSIL), Tata Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra reporting their best-ever annual sales. Much of the growth for the industry came in the second half of FY26 after the GST rate cut in late September 2025 prompted buyers to make the big-ticket purchase.

Partho Banerjee, senior executive officer - marketing & sales, MSIL, said that sales are driven by three strong tailwinds - income tax benefits, reduction in repo rate by Reserve Bank of India and GST 2.0. MSIL reported wholesales of 166,219 units in March 2026, up 10.3% YoY. For the full fiscal year, the leading carmaker's sales grew by 3.54% to 18,23,129 units. Going forward, Banerjee expects the PV industry to grow by around 5% in FY27 with a possible 1 percentage point variation. He, however, cautioned that the company may consider a price hike in the near future as commodity prices have been rising since December 2025.

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) reported a 28% YoY growth in March sales to 66,192. For the full FY26 sales, the Nexon and Punch maker reported a 14.05% increase in sales to 631,387 units.

## Business & Beyond

### Diaspora of Bihar celebrates Bihar Diwas 2026 in Texas

Houston: Diaspora of Bihar in the United States celebrated Bihar Diwas 2026 at India House, Houston, with participation from the Consulate General of India (CGI), Houston. The event brought together Bihar Foundation (Texas Chapter), BANA, BAANA, and AMBUJ, to mark the shared vision of bonding, branding and business. The Consulate General played a central role in bringing organisations onto one platform. The event was coordinated by Prashant K. Sona (Consul, Consular and Community Affairs) and Yasmeen Arya (CGI Office), along with Mr. Bidhu Prakash, Rekha Tiwari, Dr. Santosh Verma, and Mr. Parthsarthi Jha.

### IBM hosts 27th Mines Environment & Mineral Conservation Week 2025–26 in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar: The Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Bhubaneswar Region, organised the 27th Mines Environment & Mineral Conservation (ME&MC) Week 2025-26 at Hotel Mayfair, bringing together leading figures from mining sector to promote sustainable and responsible mining practices. The event was graced by the Controller General of Mines, Pankaj Kulshreshtha, along with the Chief Controller of Mines, the Regional Controller of Mines (Eastern Zone).

### GRSE hits new high in turnover, declares dividend of 129%

Kolkata: Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE), sustaining its strong growth momentum, has recorded the highest annual turnover in its history for FY26, amounting to ₹6,400 crore (Provisional & Unaudited), as against ₹5,076 crore in FY25. The shipyard has declared an interim dividend at 129% of paid-up share capital against 89.5% in FY25. FY26 saw key milestones in naval shipbuilding, with commissioning of five vessels during the year, including INS Himgiri, first Project 17A Advanced Frigate, INS Ikshak, third Survey Vessel (Large) and first three Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW-SWC)—INS Arnala, INS Androth and INS Anjadip. Marking a significant year in execution and delivery, GRSE delivered eight vessels to the Indian Navy during FY26, comprising two Project 17A (P17A) frigates, two Survey Vessel Large (SVL) ships and four Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW-SWC).

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I, **MANJUNATH S.V,** residing at No.4, 1st Cross, 15th Main, Girinagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560 085 do hereby inform to the general public that on 22-03-2026, while I was travelling near Raghavendra Swamy Temple, Girinagar, I have lost the document of Cancellation of Agreement of Sale, vide Doc. No. 889, pertaining to my property, despite my best efforts, the same could not be traced. In this regard on 30-03-2026, I had lodged online complaint at Bengaluru Police Unit, vide Lost Report No. 2103489/2026. If anybody finds the above said document or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on **9972666441.**

# LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

LIC HFL — LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD

BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL , HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025

## E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **PHYSICAL POSSESSION (S)**in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of LIC HFL will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & without any recourse basis on Date of auction,** as per the brief particulars given here under.

**Name of Borrower/s- Ms. SOUBHAGYAMMA & Mr. MAHESH KUMAR T N**
**Loan No – 412000001399**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All That Piece and Parcel of The Land Situated at Property Bearing BBMP Khata No. 59/Sy/32, Converted Sy no 32, Situated at Geddalahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560045 along with the constructed flats, structures both present and future thereon. East by: - Remaining Portion of The Same SURVEY No. Belonging to Mr. T N Mahesh Kumar and MR T N Harish Kumar West by: -Land Belonging to Sri Narayan Gowda North by: -Road South by: -Land Belonging to Sri VENKATESHAPPA.**

**Virtual Account-LHFLBA412000001399 IFSC-HDFC0000009**

| Sl No. | Floor | Flat No. | SBUA | Reserve Price | EMD Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ground Floor | 1 | 1200 | 4100000.00 | 410000.00 |
| 2 | Ground Floor | 2 | 960 | 3284000.00 | 328400.00 |
| 3 | Ground Floor | 3 | 970 | 3320000.00 | 332000.00 |
| 4 | Ground Floor | 4 | 985 | 3385000.00 | 338500.00 |
| 5 | Ground Floor | 5 | 1010 | 3455000.00 | 345500.00 |
| 6 | Ground Floor | 6 | 1010 | 3455000.00 | 345500.00 |
| 7 | Ground Floor | 18 | 1010 | 3455000.00 | 345500.00 |
| 8 | Ground Floor | 19 | 1010 | 3455000.00 | 345500.00 |
| 9 | Ground Floor | 20 | 1070 | 3656000.00 | 365600.00 |
| 10 | First Floor | 101 | 1345 | 4570000.00 | 457000.00 |
| 11 | First Floor | 102 | 1035 | 3525000.00 | 352500.00 |
| 12 | First Floor | 103 | 1045 | 3555000.00 | 355500.00 |
| 13 | First Floor | 104 | 1060 | 3660000.00 | 366000.00 |
| 14 | First Floor | 105 | 1075 | 3660000.00 | 366000.00 |
| 15 | First Floor | 106 | 1075 | 3660000.00 | 366000.00 |
| 16 | First Floor | 118 | 1055 | 3590000.00 | 359000.00 |
| 17 | First Floor | 119 | 1055 | 3590000.00 | 359000.00 |
| 18 | First Floor | 120 | 1075 | 3660000.00 | 366000.00 |
| 19 | Second Floor | 201 | 1345 | 4610000.00 | 461000.00 |
| 20 | Second Floor | 202 | 1035 | 3525000.00 | 352500.00 |
| 21 | Second Floor | 203 | 1045 | 3590000.00 | 359000.00 |
| 22 | Second Floor | 204 | 1060 | 3625000.00 | 362500.00 |
| 23 | Second Floor | 205 | 1075 | 3660000.00 | 366000.00 |
| 24 | Second Floor | 206 | 1075 | 3660000.00 | 366000.00 |
| 25 | Second Floor | 218 | 1055 | 3590000.00 | 359000.00 |
| 26 | Second Floor | 219 | 1055 | 3590000.00 | 359000.00 |
| 27 | Second Floor | 220 | 1075 | 3660000.00 | 366000.00 |
| 28 | Third floor | 302 | 1035 | 3521000.00 | 352100.00 |
| 29 | Third floor | 303 | 1045 | 3590000.00 | 359000.00 |
| 30 | Third floor | 304 | 1060 | 3622000.00 | 362200.00 |
| 31 | Third floor | 305 | 1075 | 3656000.00 | 365600.00 |
| 32 | Third floor | 306 | 1075 | 3656000.00 | 365600.00 |
| Total | | | | 11,65,90,000.00 | 1,16,59,000.00 |

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|---|---|
| Date of Demand Notice | 14/02/2022 |
| Amt Demanded | Rs.4,95,48,004.00 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses. |
| Date of Possession (Physical) | 18/09/2024 |
| Total Amount payable as on date | Rs.9,46,48,171.05/- (RUPEES NINE CRORE FOURTY-SIX LAKH FOURTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE RUPEES AND FIVE PAISA ONLY) |
| Website of E-Auction | https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/ & https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ |
| Date & time of Inspection of Photocopies of property documents | 15 APRIL 2026 & 10:30AM to 3:00PM |
| Address where property documents can be inspected | Back Office, 1st Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal, Hayes Road, Residency Rd, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560025 |
| Inspection of the Property Date for inspection and time | 16 APRIL 2026 & 10:00AM to 1:00PM |
| Contact person | Mr. A.S.R Phanindra, Associate Chief Manager, Mob No. 80081-77199 |
| Last date of submission of Online Tender / Bid | 17 APRIL 2026 till 3:00PM |
| E Auction Date & Time | 18 APRIL 2026 & 11 AM to 3.00PM |

Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) LICHFL invites OFFERS through online mode only to purchase the said property as per the following Terms and Conditions as mentioned below:

1 - E-Auction Sale is being held on 'As is where is Basis is' and 'As is what is Basis', 'whatever there is Basis' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis' and will be conducted "Online". The E-Auction will be conducted through LIC HFL approved E-auction service provider – Name of E-auction service provider (as published in newspaper advertisement) 2 - To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, no other encumbrance exists on the mortgaged property, except as disclosed in the publications. However, the interested Bidders to conduct their own independent due diligence verifications regarding the Location and Identity of the property, Inspection of Public records in the Sub Registrars' Offices/Civil Courts, to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labor Dues, electricity, and maintenance dues, etc., of the Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, (if applicable), if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties over and above the Reserve Price. LICHFL will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, liabilities, etc., of whatsoever nature pending upon the properties as mentioned above interested bidders shall also conduct there due diligence regarding the Khata/E-khata/Revenue records of the property. 3. The intending bidders should register their names at portal "website of E-auction service provider" as mentioned in the auction sale notice (as published in newspaper advertisement). 4. The E-auction Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder/ website also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders. 5. Every bidder is required to have his/her own email address in order to participate in the online E-auction. Once Intending Bidder formally registers as a qualified tenderer before Authorized Officer of LICHFL, will have to express his/her interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting documents. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login ID and password from the E-auction service provider. 6. The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the Reserve Price mentioned above. 7.If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payments or fails to adhere to the terms and condition of E-Auction in any manner the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim as such for forfeited amount. 8.The offer/s along with the aforesaid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted "online" through the portal e.g., **"www.auctionbazaar.com"** along with the EMD and scanned copy of KYC documents including PAN Card & (Aadhar Card) address proof, to the service provider, mentioned above on or before the Bid Submission due date & time as per other details of Auction above. Authorised Officer is not bound to accept highest offer made by the bidder if not acceptable to the secured creditor. 9. Every Bidder shall deposit EMD before participating in E-Auction. The said Deposit/s shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidder/s, otherwise refunded. The said earnest money deposit/s will not carry any interest. 10. Initial Bidding increment is **Rs.50000/-** of Reserve Price. However, Authorised Officer will state bidding increment amount percentage for each property if, decided otherwise. 11. The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, within 24 hours of bid acceptance by the Authorized officer/next working day before close of cash hours, in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale unless decided otherwise by Authorised Officer in writing, the maximum period allowed is 90 days, beyond which time-period cannot be extended. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder. 12. The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable on sale certificate, such as registration fees, stamp duty, taxes, or any other duties payable for getting the secured asset transferred in his/her name along with 1% TDS applicable on sale of property over and above the auction price. 13. The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the successful bidder and only after receipt of the entire sale price. 14. The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s that they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the properties mentioned above, as per the terms and Conditions of the E-Auction Sale. 15. Inspection of the photocopies of documents and Property Inspection of the above said properties can be done on the dates stated in the advertisement. Interested bidders shall contact the designated official as per the other details of E-Auction mentioned above. All conveyance and other expenses related to Inspection of the property/document copies shall be borne by the interested bidders. 16. The LIC Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice. 17. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor, viz., LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

**Place: Bangalore**
**Date : 02.04.2026**

**Sd/-**
**Authorized Officer**
**L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd, Bangalore**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that, my client **SMT. BHAGYALAKSHMI,** w/o Sri. Narayanaswamy, No:15-4, Devarachikkanahalli Main Road, Bilekahalli, Near Veerabhadraswamy Temple, Bangalore-560 076, has lost the original Sale Deeds (1) dated 09.05.1972 bearing **Document No:1011/1972-73** of Book I, in the office of the sub-registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, (2) dated 26.04.2005 bearing **Document No:3219/2005-06** of Book I and stored in CD No:KEND204 in the office of the Sub-registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore, and (3) dated 06.09.2011 bearing **Document No:KEN-1-03370/2011-12** of Book I and stored in CD No:KEND448 in the office of the Sub-registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore, pertaining to the title of the property bearing 498 and No:251, Khatha No:36, situated at Kengeri Gramatana, Kengeri, Bangalore South Taluk, now within the limit of BBMP. If anybody found, be sent to my following address.

**B. SUBRAYA KHARVI,** Advocate
No. 231, 11th Main, 37th Cross,
4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore.

**IN THE COURT OF THE V ADDITIONAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BANGALORE**

**M.C. No. 6120/2025**

**BETWEEN : Geetha .T.S ...Petitioner**
**AND : Kumar ...Respondent**

**NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT**

**To: Kumar,** S/o Hanumanthappa Aged about 41 years, Residing at No. 55, 11th Main Road, 4th Cross, Gaurav Nagar, J.P. Nagar, 7th Phase, Bengaluru-560078.

Whereas, the above named petitioner has filed the above petition Under section 13 (i-a) and (i-b) if Hindu marriage act 1955 for divorce against the respondent and such other relief. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed before V Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Bengaluru.

Take notice that in default of your appearance, **on the 2nd day of May 2026 at 11.00 A.M.** the petition will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you as ex-parte.

Issued under my hand and seal of this Court on this 09th March 2026.

**By Order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru.**

Advocate for Petitioner :
**C.S. Lalitha Kumari,** Advocate
No.86, 27th Cross, Bhvaneshwari Nagar
K.P.Agraha, Magadi Road,
Bengaluru-560023.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has negotiated the terms and is doing due diligence before concluding the transaction of joint development/transfer in respect of schedule property hereto from its present Owners, **Mr. P. Govindaraju, son of Late. Perumal Gounder and his wife, Mrs. Jayalakshmi, both residing at Bengaluru.**

Hence, Any person/s, companies, Banks, Financial Institutions etc., asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the schedule property or the documents thereof, or against the owners of the Schedule property by objecting to such sale in favour of my client should write to the undersigned within **TWENTY ONE DAYS** of the issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the schedule property or any part thereof, after which period my client shall thereafter complete the said transaction on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property in the form of residentially converted undeveloped land at Survey Nos. 138/4 & 138/5 (earlier being the part of Sy. No. 138/1) of Bhugatahali Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru, measuring 24.04 guntas each and totally measuring 1 Acre and 8.08 guntas and bounded on the

**EAST BY** : Land at Sy. No. 135
**WEST BY** : Road
**NORTH BY** : Land at Sy. No. 139
**SOUTH BY** : Land at Sy. No. 138/1.

**J. BHASKAR REDDY,** Advocate
No.106, "Savitri Nivas", Railway Parallel road,
Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020.
Phone: 98801 01301
E-mail: jbhasgarreddy76@gmail.com

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the general public that my client intends to purchase the immovable property being a vacant Residential Site bearing No. 341, Huskur Village Panchayath Khatha No. 211/341, Property No.150200202801000035, situated in M. S. Ramaiah Green City Phase-1 Layout, formed in residentially converted land situated in Sy. No. 5/1A of Saidamipalya Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, converted vide Conversion Order bearing No.ALN(NDH)SR69/2009-10 dated: 01-02-2010 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, measuring East to West: 12 mtrs and North to South: (17.3 + 17.4)/2 mtrs, totally measuring 208.2 sq.mtrs or 2240 sq.ft. and bounded on the East by : Site No. 342, West by : Site No. 340, North by : Road and South by : Site Nos. 345 and 346 from Sri. G. Raju, S/o. Sri. Gangaiah and Sri. D. V. Munegowda, S/o. Sri. Vasalappa, who have represented that they are the absolute, joint owners of the said site.

Any person/s, financial institutions, banks having or claiming any manner of right, title, interest, charge or lien into or upon the aforesaid property may intimate the same in writing supported by documentary evidence thereof to the undersigned within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which all rights and claims if any, shall be deemed to have been waived and my client will proceed with conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the said property.

**Sd/- S.K. NAGARAJ Advocate,**
No.22, I Floor, Yamunabai Road, Madhavanagar,
Bengaluru –560 001. Ph: 9845012528

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Mr. D. Ratish Kumar, S/o D. Devadass, aged about 29 years, residing at No. 10/16-1, Park Road, Rose Garden, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli, Bengaluru - 560005, has purchased the below-mentioned Schedule Property from Smt. D. Saraswathi, W/o D. Devadass, aged about 55 years, residing at No. 10/16-1, Park Road, Rose Garden, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli, Bengaluru - 560005.

The Vendor claims title to the Schedule Property based on an unregistered General Power of Attorney executed approximately 27 years ago and asserts that she has been in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property, having full rights, title, and interest therein. The Vendor has now conveyed the said property in favour of my client under a registered Sale Deed dated 08.12.2025, bearing Document No. BNS-1-14740-2025-26, registered before the Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi, Bengaluru.

In view of the above, any person or persons having any right, title, interest, claim, or objection whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to submit their objections, if any, along with supporting documentary proof, in writing to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no such objections are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, claims, liens, charges, mortgages, or any other legal impediments, and my client shall proceed accordingly without any further reference.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All the piece and parcel of portion of property bearing Municipal No.10/16-1, (old Municipal No.) site No.24, carved of property bearing municipal No.1, PID No.86-77/16-1, E-PID No.1614134942, situated at muninarayanappa garden, jeevanhalli, Bengaluru(as per e-katha property described as No.10/16-1, devadass Nilayam, muninarayanappa garden 2nd cross Prak Road, Muthu mariyamma temple bengaluru - 560005) and measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 45 feet, in all total measuring 675 sq.ft.

East : Site No.18, West : D. Lazar's property, North : Road, South : Site No.25

**Veeraj Ns.** Advocate
Roll No. KAR1916/2021
No.202, 1st Floor, 10th Cross,
Kanakapura Main Road, 7th West Block,
Jayanagar-560070. Mobile: 7353927661
Place : Bangalore Date : 01.04.2026

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The GENERAL PUBLIC are hereby informed that my Client Sri.Rakesh Kumawath., S/o. Bagdaram, residing at No:466/A, Hegde Nagar Main Road, Dr.Shivarama Karanth Nagar BANGALORE -560077, Has lost the original Registered Sale Deed dated 21.10.2005 Document NO:KRI-1-09457-2005-06, in Book-1, Stored in C.D.No.KRID160, S.R.O. K.R.Puram, Bangalore, executed by Tahasildhar Bangalore East Taluk, Krishnarajapura, Bangalore in favour of Smt.Zulayakha Bee, pertaining to the below mentioned SCHEDULE PROPERTY. The said document is not in the possession of my client and the same has been intimated to the Jurisdictional Police. Whoever is in possession of the same is hereby requested to hand over it to the below mentioned address within 7 days. If anyone deals with such persons on the Schedule Property shall be doing so at his/her own risk and consequences and the same shall not be binding on my Client.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site No.466/A, BBMP Katha No.90/466A, present property No.90, having E-PID No. 2218105821, Situated at Ramkrishna Hegde Nagar, Thanisandra K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Presently coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.6, Measuring East to West 50 feet., and North to South 15 feet, in totally measuring 750 Sq.feet., and bounded on:East By:Site no. 457, West By:Road, North by:Site no. 466, South By:Site no. 465

**Sri. B.B.SUDHIR,** ADVOCATE
No:334, 09th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar,
BANGALORE-560038 Mob:98450 22593

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to informing to the general public notice that my client Sri. MOHANRAJ. L S/o G. Loganathan and Sri. DIWAKAR. L S/o G. Loganathan, Both Are residing at Bangalore is intending to buy the Property bearing Municipal No.629, Site No.629, PID No. 16-1-629, E.P.I.D No. 9880947823, Property No. 629, Situated at WEST OF CHORD ROAD, 3rd Stage 4th Block, Bangalore. Presently comes under the BBMP Ward No.74, Previously BMP Ward No. 16, and Site measuring East to West:20-0 feet (6.09 mtr) North to South: 25-0 Feet (7.62 mtr) in all totally measuring 500 Square Feet (46.45 sq. meter) along with 4 Square (37.16 Sq.meter) ACC Roofed House with Red Oxide flooring constructed, from Smt. Jayalakshmi residing at Bangalore for a valuable sale consideration my client herein notifies the public at large that if any persons have any right, title or interest of what so ever nature over the said site in question which is described in the schedule hereunder, may submit their objection to the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of its publication with all document that they are in possession concerning the Site in question if any objections or any queries concerning the property comes after **SEVEN days** the same will not be considered and my client shall proceed further for completion of the sale Transition.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing **Property bearing** Municipal No. 629, **Site No.629,** PID No. 16-1-629, **E.P.I.D No. 9880947823,** Property No. 629, **Situated at WEST OF CHORD ROAD, 3rd Stage 4th Block, Bangalore.** Presently comes under the BBMP Ward No.74, Previously BMP Ward No. 16, and Site measuring **East to West : 20-0 feet (6.09 mtr) North to South: 25-0 Feet (7.62 mtr)** in all totally measuring 500 Square Feet (46.45 sq.meter) along with **4 Square (37.16 Sq.meter) ACC Roofed House with Red Oxide flooring constructed,** in all totally measuring **675 Square Feet** now comes under Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward Bangalore.

**Lokesh .G** Advocate
Off. No. 63, Magadi Main Road,
near Sub Registrar Office, Tavarekere,
Bangalore-562130.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I affirm and state that, **M/s. Home First Finance Company India Limited** ("Home First"), is a housing finance company having our registered office at 511, Acme Plaza, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai-400059 and branch office at No.41, 2nd Floor, Krishna Reddy Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road, Bengaluru - 560016.I affirm and state that, our company have provided a home loan of Rs. 11,00,000/-(Rupees Eleven Lakhs only) to Mr. R. Rangaraju, Ms. Chandrakala N. and Mr. Manjunath R. ("Borrowers") forproperty situated at Property no: 23 Assessment no. 1, khata no:251, situated at Jarakabande Kaval Village, Yelahanka Hobli, 3rd block, presently 8th main road, Nandini layout, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore - 560096 ("Secured Asset"). For creating equitable mortgage over the Secured Asset, the Borrowers had inter alia deposited the following Below mentioned documents are Missing in our Office,

1. Sale Deed executed by Marakka and her Children S.P. Ramaiah, P Laksmaiah, Jademuniyappa, P.Krishnappa in favour of C.S. Nanjundaiah, Dated on -17.01.1981, Document No. 14710/1980-81 of Book-1, Volume No. 3350, Page No. 228-230 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, registered on 26-03-1981.
2. General Power of Attorney executed by C.S. Nanjundaiah in favour of C. Rangadasaiah, datedon-21.07.1997, Document No. 9798/1997-98 of Book-IV, Volume No. 207, Page No. 73-75 in theoffice of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore registered on 24-07-1997
3. Form B Property Registrar extract issued by the Asst. Revenue Officer, BBMP Bangalore, dated on-28.01.2015, Receipt No. 14-15/Jan/0028 issued by the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike,Raja Rajehwari Nagara Zone
4. Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds executed by R. Rangaraju, Chandrakala and Ranjithkumar in favour of Shree Vijaya Co-Operative Housing Society Limited dated on 27.08.2015, Document No.1393 of 04 registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore
5. Registered Discharge Deed, dated on-07.10.2018, Document No. 147/2018 issued by Shree VijayaCo-Operative Housing Society Limited
6. Tax paid receipt, dated on-21.08.2018, Receipt No. 17188956432 issued by the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Revenue Department. however, the abovementioned documents are Missing cannot be traced at our office No.41, 2nd Floor, Krishna Reddy Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road, Bengaluru.

Inspite of our best efforts, we could not trace the same and in this regard on 30-03-2026, we had lodged police complaint vide GSC No. P01409260600532. If anybody finds the above said documents, please handover the same to the above mentioned Address or contact us on **8095196044**

**BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE**
Telephone House 4th Floor,
BSNL Building, Rajbhavan Road,
Bengaluru-560001.

**O. A. No.1060/2024**

**BETWEEN:** Canara Bank (e-Syndicate), Devanahalli Branch, Bangalore-560001 ... **APPLICANT**

**AND: M/S.Urban's Hotel,** Represented by its Managing Partner: Smt.Manjula Sridhar & Others ... **DEFENDANTS**

**SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL To (PROCEDURE) RULES; 1993**

To, **1. M/s. Urban Hotel,** #415/98/6, Basement/ Ground Floor & First Floor, Triguna Palms Spring, 'C' Block, Near Ayyappaswamy Temple Road, BIA Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 064. **5. Mrs. Shashikala,** W/o. Sri.Channe Gowda, C/o. Venkateshappa, Hosahalli H.M.Halli, Bengaluru-562 157. **6. Mrs. Nagalakshmi Sowmya,** W/o. Shashikanth Rayalu, No.442, Jalvayu Towers, Sadananda Nagar, Bengaluru-560 038

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993, against you and other Defendants for the recovery of amount of Rs.23,94,038.51 (Rupees Twenty-Three Lakhs Ninety-Four Thousand Thirty-Eight and Fifty-One paise Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and to file written statement before the **05-05-2026** tribunal at 11.00 A.M. or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of tribunal to answer the claim.

1. You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter appearances before the tribunal either in person or by a pleader/advocate duly instructed.

2. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned here in before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence the application will be determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on 20-03-2026

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that our client Smt.Vanajakshi,W/o.Sri.Mohan Kumar, Residing at Borasandra Sira Taluk, Goligenahalli Post, Tumkur-572137, My client is the absolute owner of Southern portion of Site No.86, Present Property No.26/4, Situated at Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 20 feet, in totally measuring 1200 Sq. feet. My client has lost Original Rectification deed dated 17-05-2006, executed by Sri.Patalappa rep by his GPA holder Sri.K.Srinivasa Ithal in favour of Smt.K.Lakshmi, Registered as document No.9934/2006-07, Book-1, Stored in C.D.No.BLND268, registered in the office of Sub registrar, Bangalore North Taluk and General Power of Attorney executed by Sri.Patalappa in favour of Sri.K.Srinivasa Ithal. My client has lost the above mentioned documents while shifting House and the same is not traceable even after her best efforts. In this regard our client has lodged Online Police Complaint Vide Lost report No.2134473/2026, dated 01-04-2026 If any person/s, Bank/anybody having any right or claims over the above mentioned property may lodge his/their objections/claims if any in writing failing which certified copy of the lost document shall be treated as the original title deeds and construed by our client that there are no claims/objections. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession please handover the same to the below said address within 7 days.

**Chandrika P. Shetty,** Advocate,
No.22, Ground Floor, Tata Silk Farm
near Yediyur Lake, Kanakapura Road,
Bangalore-04.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Publics are hereby informed that our clients Srinidhi Gubbi Srinivasa murthy S/o. G.A. Srinivasa Murthy, Aged 50 years, and Deepa G.S. w/o. Srinidhi Gubbi Srinivasa murthy both are Residing at. No.84, 2nd Main, 4th phase, Kathriguppe East, B.S.K. 3rd stage, Bangalore-85, have entered into sale agreement dated 01.04.2026, agreeing to purchase the schedule property with the owner M.R. Balakrishna @ R. Balakrishna, Son of Sri. Rajagopal Naidu, Aged 59 years, Res. No.196, 6th Block, 3rd Phase, Chennammanakere, Bangalore South, Bangalore-85., who has represented that, a clear and marketable title to the same. Any person/s, financial institutions and statutory authorities, having any claims, right, title or interest over the schedule property may lodge their objections in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claims with the undersigned, within 15 days hereof. Failing which my clients will proceed to finalize above transaction on the basis that there are no claims. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by our clients.

**SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT piece and parcel of the residential property bearing New Municipal No. 196, situated at 6th Cross, 3rd phase 6th Block, B.S.K 3rd stage, Bangalore 560085, in the layout formed and developed by the Bangalore Development Authority Bangalore, in PID No.54-100-196, ward No.54, now identified as Vidya peeta ward No.164 within BBMP South Zone in new E-Katha EPID No.2100067535, measuring East to west 50 feet and North to South 30 feet (15.2x 9.1 Mt) totally measuring (1500 sq ft/139.6 sq ft) totally constructed 3600 sq ft/ 334.5 sq Mt Built up area, comprising of Basement Floor for parking, Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor Duplex house with internal stair case with all appurtenances, civic amenities, and easements standing there to,

Bounded as:- **East by:** Site No.212 and 211, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.195 and, **South by:** Site No. 197.

**Kalpana Sukumar,** Advocate,
No.245/409, 8th Cross, Shastrinagar,
Bangalore-560 070.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sinchana.A.M., w/o Sri.E.A.Arun, residing at Elikere, Heggaru, Niluvagilu, Koppa Taluk, CKM District 577 120, represents to me that she is the Absolute owner in possession of residential vacant site No.2, V.P.katha No. 293/2 of Arasinakunte, portion of Sy.no.28/3, Arasinakunte, totally measuring 111.48 sq. meters, acquired under Regd. Sale deed dt.13.09.2024 No.8449 of 2024-25. Mutation effected in her favour, e-katha issued by Nelamangala CMC. She represents that in the chain of passing of title, two original Registered Sale deeds namely (1) Registered Sale deed dated 30.03.1992 No.3033 of 1991-92 Volume No.1620 at pages 220-223 in favour of Smt.Sudha Nambiar and (2) Registered Sale deed No.1527 of 1998-99, Vol.1931 pages 11 to 17, regd in favour of Sri.D.K.Pushp, both regd in the Office of Sub Registrar, Nelamangala, have been misplaced and/or lost and could not be traced.

That the aforementioned two Original Regd.Sale deeds (1) Registered Sale deed dtd 30.03.1992 No.3033 of 1991-92 Volume No.1620 at pages 220-223 of Smt.Sudha Nambiar and (2) Registered Sale deed No.1527 of 1998-99, Vol.1931 pages 11 to 17, of Sri.D.K.Pushp, both registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Nelamangala have been misplaced/lost and could not be traced. It is either not collected and/or even if collected, they are now not available, and lost and/or misplaced and not traced. If anybody has/have found and/or in possession of the said Original Registered sale deeds referred to above, the same be returned to Smt.Sinchana.M. at the above address or to the undersigned. If anyone has any claim, or interest over the said property, they may submit their claim, if any, within 10 days from the date of this publication, and claims if any, received thereafter shall not be binding on my client.

**S.Krishna Prasad,** Advocate,
No.238/46, Adarshnagar layout
Arasinakunte:562 123, NLA Taluk
e-mail: kpsampige@gmail.com
Mob.No.98442 37482. Dt.01.04.2026

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the general information in public that I/we have misplaced/lost our original General Power of Attorney dated: 16.12.2017, bearing Document No. BDH-4-00122-2017-18, in Book 4, stored in CD NO. BDHD177, executed and registered into the office of Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bidarahalli, Bengaluru as well as the original Sale Deed bearing Serial No. 11402, Deed No. 8690 dated: 10.07.2018, executed and registered into the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Kamrup (M), Guwahati, Assam, pertaining to the schedule property and against which I/we have lodged a lost article report dated: 18.03.2026 u/s. 155 CrPC vide serial no. 2114519, Lost Report No. 2114519/2026 with Police Unit – Bengaluru City, Karnataka.

That by this notice we are informing that if any person/persons/firm/company/financial institutions have any objection/claim/ demand, kindly register the same to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this instant publication.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**
**SCHEDULE - "A" LAND**

ALL THAT PLOT OF land measuring more or less **4 (FOUR) BIGHAS 2 (TWO) KATHAS 10 (TEN) LECHAS, i.e. 58.81 ARE,** covered by Dag No. 25, of Patta No. 529, situated at Revenue Village – Sawkuchi, under Mouza - Beltola, Circle – Dispur, Class – 2nd Trade, in the district of Kamrup (M), Assam, butted and bounded by:

NORTH : LOKHRA ROAD
SOUTH : POND AND HILLOCK
EAST : LAND COVERED BY DAG NO. 24
WEST : ROAD AND HILLOCK

**SCHEDULE- B (BABYLON)**

All that R.C.C. construction in the form of Multi-Storeyed Buildings/Apartments in four blocks i.e. BLOCK-"A", BLOCK-"B", BLOCK-"C" and BLOCK-"D" (meant for parking), namely **"BABYLON"** comprising of several residential-cum-commercial Units/Flats/Shops/Spaces standing over the Schedule "A" land.

**SCHEDULE "C" UNIT/FLAT**

ALL THAT **UNIT No. 201** on **SECOND FLOOR, in BLOCK "A",** having **1546 sq. ft.** (ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY SIX) square feet area, INCLUDING 1 (ONE) COVERED CAR PARKING SPACE in Ground Floor/Parking Area, TOGETHER WITH undivisible proportionate share in the SCHEDULE "A" land measuring **0.4 ARE,** TOGETHER WITH the proportionate share in the common parts and portions with other PURCHASER/occupiers of **"BABYLON"** situated at Lokhra Road, Sawkuchi, Guwahati-34.

**Sd- SRI ANJANAVA DAS PURKAYASTHA,**
son of Late Amalendu Das Purkayastha,

**Sd- SMT. BISHALAKSHMI PAUL CHOWDHURY,** wife of Sri Anjanava Das Purkayastha,

both are permanent residents of Silchar, Uttar Krishnapur Part III, P.O. & P.S. Silchar Sadar, Sub Division - Silchar, District - Cachar, (ASSAM), and presently resided at IC-1002, CLPD Arcadia, Gunjur Doddakannelli Road, Gunjur Palya, Near Carmelaram, Bengaluru – 560087, Karnataka. **Mobile No: 7760975283**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Sri Gangappa and Another** have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Acharivenkataronappa Late Muniyachari was died on 25-10-1995** at Bhataramarenahalli Village, Channarayapattana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the ADDL. Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 25/05/2026 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc. No. 180/2026.**

**By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer**
**Addl. Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli**
**Sri C.D. Ramachandra,** Advocate

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client Mr.T.Ganesh and Smt.Kusuma both are residing at # 66, Shambhavi Nilyam Kechanayakana Lane, Kumbarpet Main Road, Chikpet Bangalore South - 560002

My clients are the absolute owner in possession of the piece and parcel of the Amalgamated Property No.66, PID no.47-25-66, Bearing khatha no.DA/W119/KTR/1/15-16,measuring East to West 58+(41'9.5+16'2.5)/2 feet and North to South 42'6+(31+9+6)/2 feet totally measuring 2342.5Sq.ft along with sketch, Situated at Kenchanayakana Lane, Kumbarpet, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of BBMP and bounded on the:

East by : Road,
West by : Private property,
North by : Private property,
South by : Private property.

My client has lost the Original property documents i.e. Registered Sale Deed bearing Doc. No. 2752/70-71 dated 08.10.1970, Volume No.2278 and Registered Sale Deed bearing Doc.No. 2136/76-77 dated 15.12.1976, Volume no.2606 Book-I registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar Gandhinagar Bangalore

The said property is in possession of Mr.T.Ganesh and Smt.Kusuma both are the absolute owner and free from all encumbrance whatsoever.

My Client had lost the above mentioned deeds; Inspite of several efforts the Original deeds are not found and they have lodged the police complaint through online dated 01.04.2026 Lost report No.2134606/2026.

If any person found or anyone having any claim or interest over the said property, he/she is requested to forward their claims along with the relevant documents to us within 07 days of this public notice. If we do not receive any claim from any person within 07 days, it will be strictly presumed that this property is absolutely free from any claim or encumbrance and no one has any claim over this property and if any One found the above deed kindly contact below mentioned.

**PREMA B DUBAE - ADVOCATE**
FFD VI, 4th floor Sampoorna Chambers,
Vasavi temple Road, V.V. Puram
Bengluru-560004.
080-42053588/080-42296969

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that my client, is desirous of purchasing the immovable property described below from **Sri. Siddalingayya. S. Hiremath** and **Smt. Vijaya. S. Hiremath** who claims to be the absolute owners of the same. Any person or persons opposing the said sale or anyone having any claim, right, title, interest, lien, or encumbrance affecting the said property are hereby called upon to make the same known in writing along with supporting documents to me, the undersigned, within **10 (ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which, it will be presumed that there are no claims as such and if any such claim exists and is not disclosed, the same shall be deemed to have been waived for all purposes, and the transaction shall be completed accordingly.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Old No. 361, New No. 233, New corporation No. 233 situated at Byappanahalli Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Ward No. 79 situated at 9th cross, Byappanahalli Extension, Bangalore, having E-PID No. 6225653976 measuring East to West 40-0 feet and North to south 60-0 feet, in all measuring 2400 square feet, along with building consisting of 3 floors with built up area of 950 square feet and bounded on: **East by:** Plot No. 63 & 64, **West by:** Muniswamy Mudaliar Road, **North by:** Water Well, **South by:** Plot No. 54

**Sd/- Navya Shetty Raju,** Advocate
Solv. Advocates & Legal Consultants
Off: No. 45, 1st Floor, 19th Cross road,
7th Main, BTM 2nd stage,
Bengaluru – 560 076.
Mob: +91-98800 12694,
Email: info@solvadvocates.in
Date: 01/04/2026.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **SRI.P.Y.VASUDEVA,** S/o Late Yaggappa, aged about 50 years, residing at No.94, Pattanduru Agrahara Village, Whitefield post, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru -560066. is intend to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owner **SMT. PREETHI .M. KUMAR,** w/o Sri.M.Kumar, Aged about 50 years, R/at No. 1058, C and D Block, Gange Road, 1st cross, Kuvempu Nagara, Mysore 570023. If any persons having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All That piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.50, Khata No.309/50, BBMP property No.711/309, Site No.50, BBMP New EPID No.5730477717 situated at Pattandur Agrahara, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore south taluk, Now Bangalore east taluk, (coming within the jurisdiction of Mahadevapura City municipal counsel) forming portion of Survey No's. 125/3,126/1 and 127 duly converted for non-agricultural residential purposes vide official Memorandum bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(N) 155/1993-94 dated 13.07.1994, passed by the Deputy commissioner Bangalore District, Now it is under Kadagodi Ward No.83, and Measuring on East: 61 feet 4 inches, on West: 60 feet 9 inches on north: 126 feet 3 inches, and on south: 123 feet 2 inches totally measuring 7632 sq.ft bounded on: **East by:** Internal layout road, **West by:** private property, **North by:** Site No.48 and 49 and **South by:** Site No.51.

**M. RAMANJANEYA,** Advocate
**S.M.R. LAW ASSOCIATES**
No.65, 2nd floor, Opp to 14th cross,
Cubbonpet, Bangalore - 560 002.
Phone:9731857763
Mail: smramanjaneya@gmail.com
Date: 01/04/2026.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that the undersigned has been instructed to carry out search report to ascertain the marketable title and lawful possession of **Sri. D.V. Krishnappa,** S/o. Late. Vyramuddappa and Smt. Rathnamma. K, W/o. D.V. Krishnappa residing at No.68/ GF 102, Sai K.P. Blossom, Holiday Village Road, Bangalore- 560062, over the Schedule Property, who has offered to sell the same to my client for consideration. Consequently, I have undertaken to carry out search and to scrutinize various documents to ascertain the marketable title and lawful possession of the Owner over the Schedule Property and the search report is in progress. Meanwhile, I have been authorized to issue this Public Notice by the owner calling for objections from persons who may be interested in the Schedule Property or any portion thereof or having any claims against the Schedule Property or opposing sale thereof.

Therefore, any person/s, financial institutions or otherwise having any interest in the Schedule Property or any portion thereof or intending to oppose the sale of the Schedule Property or any portion thereof to third parties, may forward their written objections with supporting documents to the undersigned, within TEN (10) days from the date of publication hereof for scrutiny and consideration. Any objections received thereafter will not be considered and my client would proceed with the completion of the sale subject to title clearance, as if there are no third party claims or interest, and if any, are deemed to have been waived.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of bearing Sy. No.20/3, measuring to an extent of 2.14.04 Acre, situated at Gabbadi Grama, Herohalli Hobli, Herohalli Taluk, Ramnagara District, bounded on: East by: Sy.No.10/1, West by: Government Road, North by: Sy.No.20/1 and Sy.No.19, South by: Sy.No.20/2 belongs to Lakshmidevamma.

**SHIVAKUMAR .H,** Advocate
No.5, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560025.
Date:01-04-2026

## Woods 'stepping away' to focus on health

Golf superstar Tiger Woods he was "stepping away" to seek treatment and focus on his health after his arrest last week in Florida for driving under the influence. "I am stepping away for a period of time to seek treatment and focus on my health. This is necessary in order for me to prioritize my well-being and work toward lasting recovery."

# LSG lose but pacer Shami shows spark

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

AS the Lucknow Super Giants walked onto the field after a disappointing show with the bat against Delhi Capitals on Wednesday, veteran India pacer Mohammed Shami was given the responsibility to bring the hosts back in the game. Earlier, the fans at the Ekana Stadium witnessed their team skittled out for 141 runs.

With a lot expected from him, Shami started with a full outswinger to Delhi opener KL Rahul with a bit of width, and the batter sliced up to Mohsin Khan at deep backward point. Shami's eyes glowed, as he got the prized scalp. The stadium was a mixture of excitement and disbelief. After bowling two wides, Shami angled the ball into Nitish Rana as it hit the pad. He followed it up with a fuller delivery, angling in from outside off. After seeing the next ball go for four, Shami brought the bouncer, showing just how dangerous he could be.

Four dots, a boundary, a single, two wides and a first-ball wicket. That over gave the team confidence, and for Shami, it was more than that. The Bengal pacer, in the Ranji Trophy semi-final in February, almost single handedly bowled Jammu and Kashmir out with his career-best figures of 8/90 across formats. He also left his mark in white-ball tournaments. While he scalped 16 wickets in the 2025/26 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (T20) in seven games, he went on to take 15 wickets in the seven List A Vijay Hazare Trophy matches.

On his debut for the Lucknow franchise, he regularly bowled at and above 135 kmph. This is considering the loss of pace he had post the injury he had after the ODI World Cup in 2023. In his first match post the injury in late 2024, Shami scalped seven wickets against Madhya Pradesh in the Ranji Trophy. But his reduced pace did not help in what followed a forgettable Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy knockouts in Bengaluru in December 2024. Sunrisers Hyderabad acquired his services in the 2025 edition but he managed just six wickets from nine matches that only added pressure on him. And if that was enough, he was overlooked by the national selectors even if he toiled on the field representing his domestic side in various tournaments. It even made him come out in the open and announce that he is still fit to play the shortest format of the game. "As far as the IPL is concerned, look at my record. No other Indian bowler comes close to me. Look at the last 5-6 years. I have picked close to 130 (134) wickets. What more do you want?" Shami said on a podcast.

Shami proved that on Wednesday as bowled an economical spell giving away just 28 runs from his four overs. The start he gave meant LSG looked in the game with fellow pacer Prince Yadav picking up two wickets. At one point of time, Delhi Capitals were reduced to 26/4 but local lad Sameer Rizvi (70 not out) along with Tristan Stubbs (unbeaten 39) made sure the visitors won the game comfortably at the end.

LSG's Mohammed Shami (L) celebrates the wicket of KL Rahul on Wednesday | PTI

**BRIEF SCORES**

Lucknow Super Giants 141 all out in 18.4 ovs (Marsh 35, Samad 36; Ngidi 3/27, T Natarajan 3/29) **lost to** Delhi Capitals 145/4 in 17.1 ovs (Rizvi 70 n.o, Stubbs 39 n.o; Prince 2/20, Mohsin 1/19).

# Leaner and fitter: Aniket ready to rise

MP batter worked on fitness under guidance of SRH support staff in build-up to season

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

MADHYA PRADESH batter Aniket Verma had a decent maiden IPL season in 2025, scoring 236 runs from 12 innings at a strike rate of 166.19 for Sunrisers Hyderabad. Given his exploits, the franchise retained him and the decision only made the 24-year-old more determined to come back better. With SRH support staff in constant touch with him during the off season, Aniket decided to chisel his body to make himself leaner and fitter. It demanded intense workout regime and strict diet being monitored by his trainer and dietician respectively.

Aniket was ready for the toil as he worked day in and day out ahead of the new season. And it paid dividends when he took the field against Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the opener. He smashed 43 off just 18 balls, slamming four sixes and three fours helping his side cross the 200-run mark, albeit in a losing cause. While Aniket and his franchise apparently will be happy with his new-found fitness, his octogenarian grandmother Parvati Verma is worried a lot, fearing the cricketer is not eating properly thus losing weight.

"She is not amused as she feels Aniket is not eating properly and losing weight in the process," Amit Verma, Aniket's maternal uncle, told this daily with a chuckle. On a serious note, the uncle said Aniket worked hard to achieve the fitness level. "He was in constant touch with SRH support staff and working as per a schedule. Apart from honing his cricketing skills, he worked tirelessly on his fitness. Then he is strictly following the diet chart. Sometimes even I feel he is not eating properly but that's what you do when you are a professional athlete," added the uncle, who is credited for helping Aniket pursue his dream despite personal and financial crisis.

Sunrisers were 137/4 when Aniket joined his captain Ishan Kishan in the middle. He soon lost Kishan as well but that could not deter him from playing big shots. It was in the penultimate over of the innings bowled by West Indian medium pacer where Aniket showed his range of shots. He first hit the pacer's slower offcutter over deep backward square leg and followed it up with a four around the deep backward point region. The next ball he deposited behind the sight screen. He was caught at long-off by Virat Kohli, who had dropped him earlier in the innings, off the last ball of the over. At first it looked, Aniket wanted to clear the boundary but couldn't generate enough power. However, later during the innings break, he clarified that he was just working the ball around for a single. And it says a lot of power he is generating apparently because of fitness.

"He now has resources to do things professionally. Last season, he shared the dressing room with internationals like Abhishek Sharma, Travis Head, Ishan Kishan and Heinrich Klaasen. Doing that, he understood the importance of fitness. In this age, cricket is not only about skills. You have to play throughout the year and that demands fitness," said Jyoti Prakash Tyagi, Aniket's childhood coach. Tyagi said he has asked Aniket to work more on his bowling as well. Aniket sustained a leg injury during MP's last match in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and that prevented him from featuring in the Vijay Hazare Trophy. But that allowed him to take time out and work on a schedule to attain fitness.

SRH will take on Kolkata Knight Riders at the Eden Gardens on Thursday and Aniket will hope to begin from where he left a few days ago. Once the match is done, Aniket will have a special guest when his team next take on Lucknow Super Giants in Hyderabad on April 5. "I am planning to watch that match from the stands," said Amit.

The grandmother has not yet watched Aniket play from the stadium and is also planning a visit later this month. Aniket would want to make it memorable for her with a special knock. Maybe then she will understand her grandson has not become weak by losing a few kilos.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

## KKR, SRH SEEK BALM

**IN THEIR FIRST OF THREE CONSECUTIVE HOME MATCHES, KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS WILL FACE SUNRISERS HYDERABAD ON THURSDAY. A LOOK..**

### Bowling worries

In the lead-up to their first match against Mumbai Indians, which they lost, Kolkata Knight Riders were hit with injuries to pacers Harshit Rana and Akash Deep. Sri Lankan slinger Matheesha Pathirana is yet to receive a NOC. During the match, spinners Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy were not at their best. One of them will need to raise the standards and put on a show in front of the home crowd.

### SRH's turmoil

Sunrisers come fresh off a heavy loss against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Their top-order of Abhishek Sharma, Ishan Kishan and Travis Head is one of the best, but their bowling, in Pat Cummins' absence, looks thin. The Australian skipper has resumed bowling in the nets and is targeting a comeback in the middle of the tournament. In the opener, bowlers like Nitish Kumar Reddy, Jaydev Unadkat, Harshal Patel and Eshan Malinga struggled to contain the opposition.

**KKR VS SRH, KOLKATA, 7.30 PM, LIVE ON STAR SPORTS & JIOHOTSTAR**

# India to play 10 T20Is in single month

ENS @ Chennai

INDIA will play a three-match T20I series in Zimbabwe in July. The series is slated to be crammed in a weekend in Harare between July 23 and July 26. India last visited the African nation for a T20I bilateral series in 2024. With Zimbabwe set to host part of the 50-over World Cup in 2026, one wonders if the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) may consider picking a few of their ace multi-format cricketers to get them get familiar with the conditions ahead of the big event next year.

"Team India will head to Zimbabwe for a three-match T20I series in July 2026," a BCCI press release said. "The Indian cricket team is scheduled to play three T20Is at the Harare Sports Club, Harare. The first T20I of the series will be played on July 23, 2026."

It means that the Indian team, fresh from winning the T20 World Cup at home, will feature in as many as 10 T20Is from the period between June 26 to July 26. And not to forget the two-month long Indian Premier League (IPL) where almost all the India players are expected to feature.

The Suryakumar-led outfit will first travel to Ireland for a pair of T20Is in Belfast on June 26 and June 28. Post that assignment — their first of the next World Cup cycle — they will take short flight to England where they are scheduled to play as many as five T20Is. The series is part of their full white-ball tour of England.

That tour culimates in Southampton on July 11 before the ODI series in Birmingham starts on July 14. Four days after the final ODI, the team will be featuring in their first of T20Is in Harare. It's interesting to see that the team will be engaged in this many T20Is at a time when their next big white-ball assignment is the 50-over World Cup.

**India's T20I schedule (all away from home)**

- **June 26 and June 28:** Two games against Ireland
- **July 1, 4, 7, 9 and 11:** Five games against England
- **July 23, 25 and 26:** Three games against Zimbabwe

Boxers in action during the third day of the continental meet | ASIAN BOXING

# Vishvanath, Sachin enter quarterfinals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

SACHIN Siwach and Vishvanath Suresh recorded contrasting wins on Day 3 of the Asian Boxing Championships at the ASA Arena in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on Wednesday, thereby booking their spots in the quarterfinals.

Sachin, who competes in the 60kg category, was made to dig deep to beat local boxer Buyandalai Bayarkhuu. The Indian won by split decision (4-1) and will now go on to face Chinese Taipei's Cheng-Wei Lee next.

Vishvanath, on the other hand, put up a commanding display against Bekzat Ergeshov of Kyrgyzstan. The Chennai boxer (50kg) won by unanimous decision (5-0). However, he will face a stiff test in the next round as he'll be up against No 1 seed Sanzhar Tashkenbay of Kazakhstan. Tashkenbay is the reigning world champ.

The Asian Boxing Championships continues to witness high-intensity matchups as top talents from across the continent battle for supremacy.

# Sindarov in spotlight, hands Caruana a lesson

ENS @ Chennai

THE first three days of the Candidates was a teaser, a sign of things to come. On Day Four, an important one preceding the first rest day, Javokhir Sindarov put up a performance full of verve, a man at the top of his game. In the process, he beat the pre-tournament favourite, Fabiano Caruana, in breathtaking fashion. Actually, he didn't just beat the US GM. He blitzed his way past Caruana in a middle-game of the actual qualifying tournament to pick the challenger for the next World Championship game.

And on the evidence of the first four days in Cyprus, it's hard to envisage a world where Sindarov won't be in that title match against D Gukesh.

The game lasted all of 36 moves but Caruana, playing with the black pieces and the joint leader with Sindarov coming into the round, was gasping for air for a very long time. He seldom got up from his office chair as Sindarov had put him in a bind very early on. The US GM couldn't find any interplay and had to be content with defending his pieces. That the Uzbek GM, the reigning world champion, played back-to-back brilliancies just out of the opening tells its own story. Sindarov, who has stormed inside the world's top-10 recently, had all of his attacking pieces in sync and there was a multi-pronged attack outside the World No. 3's door. Caruana, short on time and ideas, threw on the towel. He had fewer than four minutes when he resigned (his opponent's clock showed 51:21).

**Results (Rd 4): Open:** Javokhir Sindarov bt Fabiano Caruana, R Praggnanadhaa drew with Matthias Bluebaum, Anish Giri bt Andrey Esipenko , Wei Yi drew with Hikaru Nakamura. **Women:** Kateryna Lagno bt Anna Muzychuk, Bibisara Assaubayeva drew with Tan Zhongyi, R Vaishali drew with Aleksandra Goryachkina, Zhu Jiner bt Divya Deshmukh.

# AIFF ethics panel overhaul post HC order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE Delhi High Court on Wednesday has reconstituted the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) ethics committee after complaints over the appointment of two new members by Churchill Brothers FC Goa. Retired Justice Rekha Palli has been appointed as the chairperson of both the ethics committee and the disputes committee by the Court. Churchill Brothers had filed a petition, seeking "appointment of an independent, neutral and impartial committee".

In the hearing on March 30, Justice Purushaindra Kumar Kaurav reportedly preferred to appoint a retired judge to investigate the cross cases. The Goan club had filed complaints in regards to Inter Kashi's inclusion in the I-League and also against AIFF president Kalyan Chaubey on conflict of interest charges.

# McIlroy to return for DP World India C'ship in Delhi

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

FIVE-time Major winner Rory McIlroy will tee up at the DP World India Championship at the Delhi Golf Club for a second consecutive season from October 15 to 18.

The World No 2 made his first ever appearance in India last season and is now confirmed to return for the USD 4,000,000 event. The reigning Race to Dubai champion confirmed his position as a golfing icon when he completed the career Grand Slam in memorable fashion at the Augusta National last year. "I've always enjoyed playing a global schedule so I was excited to visit India for the first time last season to be part of the inaugural DP World India Championship," McIroy said in a press release.

**EXPRESS READ**

### Chelsea announce pre-tax loss of £262.4M

LONDON: Chelsea made a Premier League record pre-tax loss of £262.4 million for the year ending June 30, 2025, the club said. The previous highest loss in the EPL was the £197.5 million posted by Manchester City for the 2010/11 season. Chelsea posted a profit of £128.4m in the previous year's accounts but this was aided by the sale of the women's team.

### Kynan, Aashima miss finals by a point

NEW DELHI: Indian trap shooters Kynan Chenai and Aashima Ahlawat fought hard but missed out on the finals of the men's and women's trap competitions by an identical one-point margin, at the year's first International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Shotgun leg, currently underway in the Moroccan port city of Tangier.

### Pension for ex-women cricketers from K'taka

BENGALURU: Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) on Wednesday decided to extend a monthly pension to former women cricketers, who have represented the state in the senior women's national meet. The pension will be given to players who have attained the age of 55, and they should not be drawing a similar benefit from the BCCI.

**ROAD TO AMERICAS**

# *Italy miss out on World Cup again as Bosnia, Turkiye qualify*

AGENCIES @ Paris

ITALY failed to qualify for a third consecutive World Cup as a play-off defeat on penalties to Bosnia and Hercegovina on Tuesday meant the Azzurri will not go to this year's tournament in North America, while Turkiye, the Czechia and Sweden all secured their places at the finals. Italy have won the World Cup four times, but they failed to qualify for the 2018 and 2022 tournaments and will once again have to watch from afar as the field is expanded to 48 teams in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Bosnia won 4-1 in the shootout in Zenica after their play-off final finished 1-1 at the end of extra time, with Sandro Tonali the only Italy player to score from the spot as Francesco Pio Esposito blazed their first penalty over and Bryan Cristante smashed his kick against the crossbar.

Moise Kean had given Gennaro Gattuso's Italy the lead on 15 minutes, but they were reduced to 10 men when Alessandro Bastoni was shown a straight red card late in the first half. Bosnia equalised on 79 minutes through Haris Tabakovic, and with no further goals in extra time the tie was decided on penalties.

Bosnia finished second in qualifying Group H behind Austria before beating Wales on penalties in their play-off semi-final. Their only previous World Cup appearance came in 2014. The 2014 edition is the last time Italy qualified. They went out in the group stage, like in 2010.

**Results:** Bosnia 1-1 Italy (Bosnia win 4-1 on penalties); Sweden 3-2 Poland; Kosovo 0-1 Turkiye; Czechia 2-2 Denmark (Czech Republic win 3-1 on penalties); Iraq 2-1 Bolivia; DR Congo 1-0 Jamaica.

Italy players react after the penalty shootout against Bosnia on Tuesday | AP

**2006**

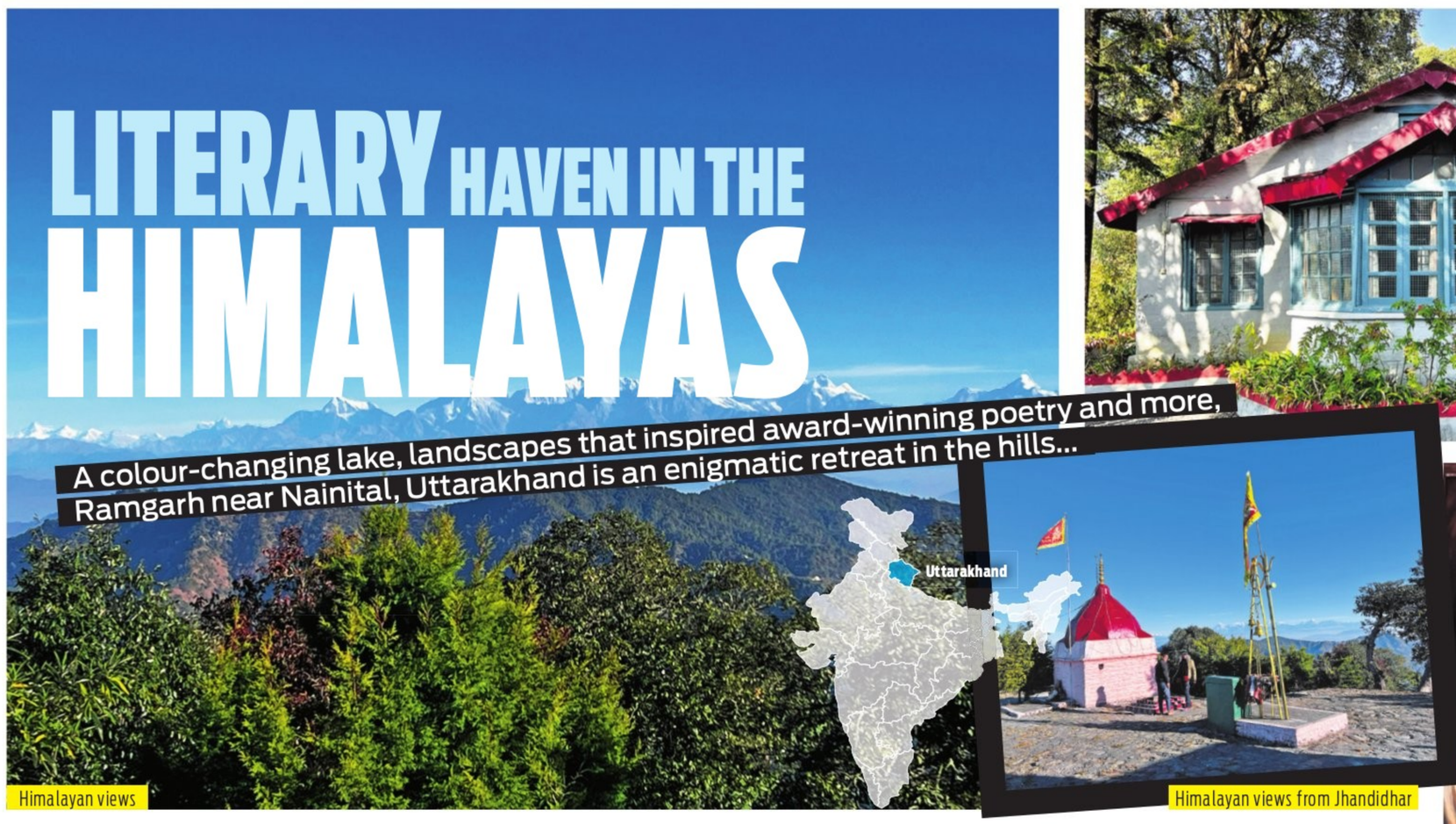
Italy, whose European title defence ended at the last 16 in 2024, have not played a knockout match at a WC since 2006: for context, the iPhone was introduced to the market one year later.

IHCL's Vivanta Vrindavan, a 135-key hotel in Rukmani Vihar marks the brand's debut in the city

The Leela enters Coorg with its first wellness-focused forest sanctuary in the Western Ghats

# LITERARY HAVEN IN THE HIMALAYAS

**A colour-changing lake, landscapes that inspired award-winning poetry and more, Ramgarh near Nainital, Uttarakhand is an enigmatic retreat in the hills...**




Himalayan views

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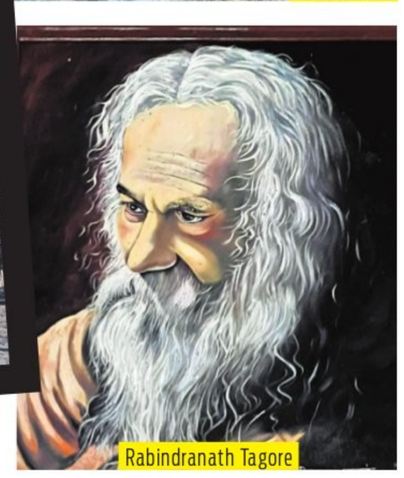

Rabindranath Tagore

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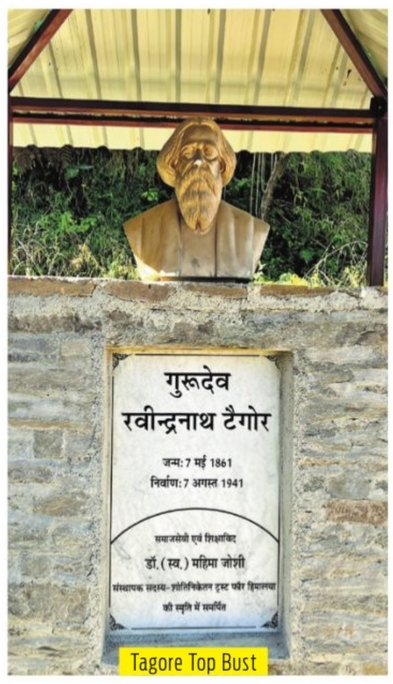
Himalayan views from Jhandidhar




Tagore Top Bust

ANURAG MALLICK & PRIYA GANAPATHY

RABINDRANATH TAGORE spent six years at Ramgarh and wrote 'Gitanjali' that won him the *Nobel Prize* for Literature. Hindi poet Mahadevi Verma built her home Meera Kutir here in 1937, now a memorial and library. Steve Jobs visited Neem Karoli Baba's *ashram* at Kainchi Dham nearby in the 1970s and was inspired to start *Apple*. Imagine the pressure it put on humble travel writers like us when we visited the little hill resort of Ramgarh, an hour's ascent from Nainital!

Nazim, our driver, halted at Chhoti Haldwani for *chai-pakoda* near Jim Corbett Museum, former home of the legendary conservationist after whom India's premier tiger reserve is named. "We were originally *banjara ghodawalas* (nomadic horsemen). My grandfather Haji Maula Baksh served the British, transporting rations and goods uphill on horseback. The advent of motorised transport made us switch from horses to taxis, though a few continue to offer joy rides on horses at tourist spots."

We stopped briefly at Khurpatal Lake, which changes colour with the movement of the sun — from emerald green, blue to silver. Pointing out to Bhowali Sanatorium, he mentioned how prisoners used influence or ploy to move to a jail in the hills in summer and shift to lower altitudes in winter! Soon, we trundled down a sharp slope to a stunning boutique resort, Amaraya, set amidst kiwi and apple orchards. It offered unhindered views of the majestic Himalayas — Nanda Ghunti (6309 m), Trishul (7120 m), Mrigthuni (6855 m), Nanda Devi (7817 m) and Nanda Kot (6861 m). The following morning, we set off on the 3.5 km trail to Tagore Top. Starting near Ramgarh market, we wound past a government apple orchard through misty woods, halting at the bust of Rabindranath Tagore (1861–1941). Smitten by the Himalayan views on his first visit to Ramgarh in 1903, Tagore decided to live at the summit of this hill with his daughter. Only scattered stones, derelict walls and an old fireplace remain of his old bungalow. He spent six years here, penning *Gitanjali* (Song Offerings), a collection of 157 poems, which earned him the *Nobel* for Literature in 1913; the first non-European to receive the honour.

We spent a while gazing at the vistas among the pines, hoping its literary magic would rub off on us but only got pine needles and brambles instead. Continuing our literary trail, we visited Meera Kutir, Mahadevi Verma's summer home. The Hindi poet wrote *Deepshikha* here and later received the *Padma Vibhushan*. Back at the resort, we savoured a Kumaoni *thali* with *bhatt ki churkani* (black soybean curry), *kappa* (spinach curry), *aloo gutuk*, *pahadi* chicken curry, *maduwa* (*ragi*) *roti*, red rice and Kumaoni *raita*.

Ramgarh boasts several nature trails and we hiked the next morning to Jhandidhar. Starting from the Gagar Mahadev shrine, the climb winds past Gargeshwar Mahadev temple and further up to Jhandidhar temple. A stunning panorama unfolded with snowcapped Himalayan peaks on one side and the lofty reaches of Nainital on the other. A pair of furtive mongooses darted across the hillside. "A tiger frequently visits the *devi* shrine," our guide Tarun said nonchalantly. Ironically, her divine mount is a tiger. Sure enough, we spotted pugmarks in the ashes of the *dhuni* (firepit)! The same evening we hiked past Kulethi village to Sunset Point where the mountains were bathed in ethereal amber light.

On the way back to Delhi, we stopped at Kainchi Dham 19 km away. Steve Jobs visited the *ashram* of revered guru Neem Karoli Baba as a teenager on a spiritual quest to India in 1974.

Although Baba had died the previous year, Steve stayed and meditated here. Mark Zuckerberg too came here on Steve's advice and found success with *Facebook*. While struggling with his lack of form, Virat Kohli visited the shrine with Anushka in 2022 and saw a turn of fortune. We're still awaiting the transformational effects of our trip... You never know what a little Ramgarh can do for you.

Kumaoni Thali

**GETTING THERE:**

- **Nearest Airport:** Pantnagar
- **Nearest Railhead:** Kathgodam

Ramgarh is 23 km (1 hour) from Nainital

- **Stay:** Amaraya by LaRiSa, Gagar

Ladakh

# Destinations of *Dhurandhar*

**From Punjab to Ladakh and Mumbai — we trail the exoctic locations at which the hit movie's scenes were shot at...**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

IF you are looking to walk in the footsteps of Ranveer Singh and the cast of Aditya Dhar's *Dhurandhar* — and its sequel, you're in for a journey that spans spiritual heritage, high-altitude deserts and international hubs. The film's sequel, *Dhurandhar: The Revenge*, continues the story across several of the same gorgeous locations.

Punjab provides the cultural and emotional core of the film. The Golden Temple in Amritsar anchors several of the film's most reflective sequences. A short drive away, Khera Village in Ludhiana served an altogether different purpose. The production team allegedly transformed it into a stand-in for a Pakistani border settlement. For visitors it offers something increasingly rare: an authentically untouristy slice of rural Punjabi life, without a heritage trail in sight. Back in Amritsar, Lal Kothi and the city's main bus stand were pressed into service for the film's grittier urban scenes — their older, lived-in streetscapes providing exactly the worn aesthetic that studio sets struggle to fake.

When the narrative demanded isolation, endurance and a landscape that felt genuinely inhospitable, the production headed north to Ladakh. Gurudwara Patthar Sahib, set into a hillside on the Srinagar-Leh highway, served as a primary filming location. Further along the plateau, the production made use of Pangong Tso and the region's high-altitude roads.

The film's Mumbai sequences are scattered across the city in ways that reward the determined 'set-jetting' tourist. Ballard Estate and the Fort district in South Mumbai provided the European-style colonnaded architecture and narrow lanes required for the film's operation scenes. Out on the city's northwestern fringes, Madh Island doubled as a setting for hidden lair and coastal sequences. Its fishing villages and secluded beaches sit at an serene location from the metropolis just across the creek and the island retains a sleepy, unhurried quality that makes it worth a half-day excursion regardless of its cinematic credentials.

Stills from Dhurandhar

# Discover Gujarat's *Samrat Samprati Museum*

**India's newest museum opens its doors in Gujarat, honouring the ruler who carried Jainism to the world**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

On the auspicious occasion of Mahavir Jayanti, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the *Samrat Samprati Museum*, known in Gujarati as the *Samrat Samprati Sangrahalaya*, on the serene Koba Tirth campus in Gandhinagar. To visit it is to step inside two and a half millennia of living faith. Koba Tirth, formally the *Shri Mahavir Jain Aradhana Kendra*, already draws pilgrims from across India. The new museum transforms it into something broader still: a destination for travellers with even a passing curiosity about South Asian history, philosophy or the remarkable civilisation that grew up alongside and sometimes in conversation with the Mauryan empire.

Acharya Padmasagar Surishwarji, a Jain monk conceived the museum and spent years gathering the rare artefacts now assembled within its walls. The collection he has bequeathed to posterity numbers more than 2,000 objects, arranged chronologically across seven wings. Visitors enter through an introduction to the two foundational tenets of Jainism: *ahimsa*, the principle of non-violence and *aparigraha*, non-possessiveness.

Pride of place among the early galleries belongs to artefacts associated with the 24 *Tirthankaras*. A highlight is a *Jina Matruka Patta* — a marble slab depicting the *Tirthankaras* reclining on their mothers' laps. Spot stone idols in sandstone, schist, granite and marble span a range, from the 2nd century BCE to the 16th century CE. The celebrated Vasantagadh hoard, dated to between the 7th and 9th centuries CE, provides one of the collection's most historically significant episodes. Alongside it sit examples of *pancha dhatu* idols while palm-leaf texts share cases with paper manuscripts, miniature paintings and more.

Samrat Samprati Museum

**What to know:**

- The museum is 20-30 mins from Ahmedabad airport.
- **Timing:** 9.15 am – 11.45 am & 12.35 pm – 5.15 pm
- The museum holds artefacts associated with the 24 *Tirthankaras*, paper manuscripts, ancient coins, *pancha dhatu* idols, stone idols and *Jina Matruka Patta*.

**TRAVEL DIARY**

## *WITNESS KONYAK NAGA TRIBE'S UNIQUE FESTIVAL IN NAGALAND*

The *Aoleang Festival* 2026 is Nagaland's major spring harvest festival celebrated in Mon in the first week of April. It marks the Konyak New Year with traditional dances with real spears and guns, songs, rice beer, tattooed elders, hornbill headdresses and log drum performances inside decorated *morungs* — all while the mist hangs over the Patkai hills at dawn. Participants often visit the *Angh* (village chief) house in Longwa, which straddles the India-Myanmar border.

## *WATCH A DIVINE WEDDING UNFOLD AT MADURAI'S CHITHIRAI FESTIVAL*

This grand month-long festival is celebrated in April, focusing on the marriage of Meenakshi Amman and Sundareswarar and the immersion of Kallazhagar in the Vaigai River. The first 15 days will see the coronation of Meenakshi Amman, *digvijayam* and *thirukalyanam* (the marriage of Shiva and Parvati). The last day, called the *urchava saatru murai*, brings the complete Kallazhagar festival to a ceremonial conclusion.

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## *Cricketing Legacy*

In 2011, India ended a 28-year wait to lift the ICC Cricket World Cup, defeating Sri Lanka by 6 wickets at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium

**TOUGH COMPETITION**

Mahela Jayawardene's century, supported by Sangakkara (48) and a late surge of 63 runs in the last 5 overs, pushed Sri Lanka to a competitive total of 274/6

**HEROES OF THE FINAL**

After a bad start, Gautam Gambhir steadied the innings with a half-century partnership with Virat Kohli. MS Dhoni led from the front with an unbeaten 91

**ICONIC VICTORY**

India chased down the target in 48.2 overs, with 10 balls to spare. MS Dhoni sealed the win with a victorious six, creating one of Indian cricket's most iconic moments

## *What's happening in Bengaluru?*

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*Youth*

With her debut film crossing the ₹50-crore mark at the box office, B'luru's Karen Vincent speaks to *CE* on building her own voice through standup comedy

# 'I'VE HAD BACKGROUND CHARACTER ENERGY MOST OF MY LIFE'

ANJALI RAM

KAREN VINCENT isn't an unfamiliar name for Bengalureans. From open mics to viral comedy reels, she has steadily become a recognisable face over the past few years. Now, this familiarity has spilt into packed theatres – the audience roared with laughter, the sound spilling from every corner of the hall. "I couldn't believe that was me. Hearing people laugh like that... it felt unreal. I cried watching myself. It was a surreal experience," she says, as her debut film *Youth* (Tamil) which has crossed the ₹50-crore mark at the box office.

Vincent's entry into cinema, however, was entirely unexpected. It began with a comment from actor-director Ken Karunas on one of her videos, followed by a late-night narration that convinced her to take the leap. "Initially, my parents were not comfortable with the idea of cinema. The process worried them more than the outcome. But I have always had this fear of who will push me after college, so I decided to push myself and try," says the Mount Carmel College alumnus.

What drew her most to the role was its departure from tried-and-tested tropes. "I wasn't just playing the best friend, the typical 'heroine's friend'. I was someone who changed the narrative of the story and that really excited me. I've had background character energy most of my life, so getting a role like this felt validating." Vincent was equally intrigued by the chance to play a layered, negative character that's equally funny. "Women are often written as just the best friend or a supporting character. Getting to play someone unpredictable was interesting," she adds with a smile.

A behind-the-scenes moment from the sets of *Youth*

Karen Vincent and Ken Karunas

But all of this is new for someone who built her own voice through standup comedy – something that started long before she even thought of an acting career. According to Vincent, those years shaped her instincts as a performer. "I started standup in school. It teaches you to read the room, you understand what people enjoy and what they don't. A live audience expresses immediately – they come up to you, talk and share their stories. In cinema, the appreciation reaches you later, but it still means just as much," she notes the difference.

On set, the shift from solo performer to actor also came with its own challenges, she adds. "Acting in front of a big crew and repeating scenes from different angles...it's a lot. But it strips away your hesitation and builds you as a person," she explains. Encouragement from co-stars like National Award-winning actor Suraj Venjaranmoodu and other industry peers has also been a strong validation. It carries a lot of weight, it makes you feel like you are on the right path', she shares.

Addressing the conversation that has surfaced online regarding representation and colourism, following the director's remark about up-and-coming female Kollywood actors not willing to work with him, Vincent offers her perspective. "There was a lot of discussion around casting. Not everyone was sure about the project at that stage," she says. She believes that Ken's narrative was misunderstood in parts, as she says, "Ken's concern came from a very real place. The intention wasn't negative, it was just about how things unfolded while making the film."

With the film finding its audience, Vincent is clear about what she wants next. "I want to play characters that have an impact, roles that really stir up the story. I'd love to explore more negative roles as well, " she says, further hinting at her new gig for her audience, "I am also in the process of writing for a new standup set, I was even writing in between the shoots."

City's cafes and bars are topping drinks with foam, flair and a whole lot of feeling, making cloud drinks an emerging trend

# Sipping on Cloud Dine!

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN & ANJALI RAM

STEP into a cafe or bar in Bengaluru today, and chances are high that you may find yourself liking a drink even before you sip it. Drinks are no longer just about quenching thirst or delivering a caffeine hit – they have acquired a personality of their own. From foamy matcha and cloud coffees to mocktails and low-ABV cocktails crowned with airy whips, Bengaluru's latest obsession are cloud drinks.

With a pale, cloud-like foam resting gently on a darker base, a spoon hovering mid-air, one may take their phone instinctively as the cloud drinks orders arrive at the table. Because the appeal of cloud drinks lies in interaction maybe more than its flavour. At Eywa Cafe, co-founder Vickyath explains that Bengaluru's drinking community is increasingly seeking more than taste alone. "Texture or mouthfeel – is now equally important to flavour and aroma. It elevates a drink from a mere beverage to a multisensory experience. Texture also changes perception – a creamy foam can make a drink feel indulgent without being heavy" he says. Additionally, ingredients like matcha, coconut water and even turmeric with their wellness cues lend themselves naturally to this shift, Vickyanth adds.

Yet how the 'cloud' is used varies from space to space. Many hotel bars are adopting the trend with a refined hand. At Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield's Chime, food and beverage director Jatinder Pal Singh uses foam to soften bold, regional flavours. "The soft foam allows strong ingredients like curry leaf to feel gentler and more approachable," he says, adding that texture now defines how a drink unfolds on the palate, making it feel considered rather than merely flavour-forward.

Crucially, cloud drinks are not designed to fill you up. At Phurr, co-founder Rahul Lunawat emphasises the importance of balance. "A table of four should be able to order four different mocktails to pass around and try," he says. "These drinks should act as palate cleansers and enhance the flavours of your food, not fill you up entirely."

### Buzzing Cloud

In a city where cafe-hopping is second nature, cloud drinks fit neatly into slower dining habits. Lionel D'Souza, restaurant manager, Royal China, says the shift began with 'an obsession – not with flavour alone, but with sensation', while the team noticed guests responding instinctively to how a drink felt. "A silky foam or airy cloud engages the senses before the first sip creating anticipation. And texture has become the quiet luxury of modern beverages," he explains. Singh also agrees, adding that blending local flavours with luxurious presentation makes these drinks feel refreshing, nuanced and visually engaging, without tipping into gimmickry.

Although with the city's reputation for its weather and cafe culture naturally favouring lighter drinks, it is social media that rewards drinks that layer beautifully and photograph well. And with savoury foams, regional herbs, plant-based textures and thoughtful aeration techniques, it's assuring that this cloud isn't floating away anytime soon.

### Mocktails vs Cocktails

While cafes may have sparked the cloud drink movement, bars are now giving it an after-hours edge. According to SuzyQ's assistant restaurant manager Suresh Vijayan, the push came straight from guests. "People wouldn't stop pulling out their phones and saying, 'Can you make this but in your style?'" he recalls. "We thought – why should that fun be limited to cafes?" At bars, the use of foam depends more on the drinkability than the sweetness. "Texture has become as crucial as taste. It's what makes you slow down and enjoy the drink," Vijayan says. Matcha and coffee foams are folded into low-ABV cocktails, allowing guests to drink through the evening without feeling weighed down. "Flavour hooks you first, but that airy foam or silky mouthfeel – that's what keeps people at the table longer," he notes.

## CITY READ

### University event promotes scientific research

Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University, marked National Science Day with a special lecture programme at Jnana Jyothi Auditorium on Ambedkar Veedhi. The event focused on promoting scientific research and encouraging greater student participation in science disciplines. It brought together academicians and students to discuss the role of science in national development. Vice Chancellor Prof B Ramesh highlighted the importance of scientific innovation in improving the quality of life and called for efforts to foster a scientific temper and eliminate superstitions. Chief guest Dr Sridevi Jade urged greater participation of women in science and addressed challenges faced by girls in higher education. The programme also included a prize distribution ceremony and a lecture on data science.

### Industry leaders decode future of AI

Kristu Jayanti Institute of Technology, under Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University), hosted the Synapse CEO Conclave 2026 on March 27, bringing together industry leaders to discuss AI leadership and emerging technologies. The event, themed 'AI Leadership: The Power of Intelligent Convergence,' featured eight CEOs engaging with students from data science and computer science streams. This created a platform for dialogue on innovation, leadership, and the evolving role of Artificial Intelligence. Vice Chancellor Fr. Augustine George highlighted the need for universities to adapt to rapid technological shifts and integrate AI-driven learning. CEOs from leading firms, including PlugScale, Cogno Valley, and Aindra Systems, shared insights on scalable AI solutions, startup culture, and industry trends. Speakers emphasised continuous upskilling and an innovation-driven mindset, urging students to embrace early failures as learning opportunities. The conclave concluded with an interactive Q&A, strengthening industry–academia collaboration and inspiring students to lead in the AI-driven future.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

**THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY**

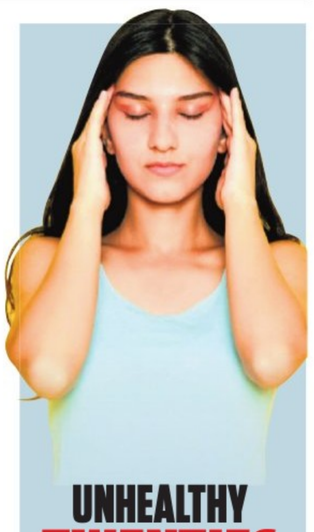
Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'** Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

**THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE**

1) Sri Chamarajendra Park;
2) Jayanagar;
3) Basavanagudi

**FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT**

1) Gururaj K;
2) Saraswathi Karunakaran;
3) Anjitha P



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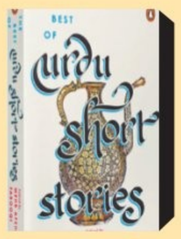


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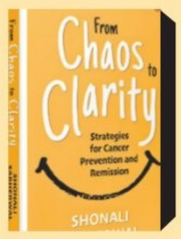


### From Chaos to Clarity
**by Shonali Sabherwal**

Nutritionist Shonali Sabherwal provides a beacon of hope for those affected by cancer. This essential guide offers a wealth of knowledge to help you and your loved ones navigate this challenging journey.

### My Dead Flowers
**by Buku Sarkar**

The poems in *My Dead Flowers* are rivers; they meander, change course, are a swirl of eddies and back-eddies, and sing of love. They snake through the streets of Paris, New York City, Calcutta.

### Super: A Novel
**by Lindsay Pereira**

Tender and heartfelt, this novel is an unforgettable exploration of immigration, identity, and the intense yearning for a better life — along with the often-devastating cost that comes with it.

**HALTED BY HUES**

Visitors admire the art pieces displayed in an ongoing exhibition featuring senior and junior artists organised by the Karnataka International Artists Village Charitable Trust at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Seshadripuram | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

## QUICKFIX

# CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

### INGREDIENTS
- **Softened salted butter:** 1 cup
- **Brown sugar:** 1 cup
- **Powdered sugar (white):** ½ cup
- **Eggs:** 2
- **Vanilla extract:** 2 tsp
- **All-purpose flour:** 2 cups
- **Baking soda:** 1 tsp
- **Chocolate chips:** 2 cups (for dough and topping)

### METHOD
- Preheat the oven to 375ºF and line a tray with parchment. In a large bowl, cream together the softened butter, brown sugar and powdered sugar until light and smooth.
- Mix in the eggs and vanilla. In a separate bowl, sieve the flour and baking soda, then gradually fold them into the wet mixture until a soft dough forms.
- Fold in most of the chocolate chips. Roll the dough into balls and place them on the tray with enough space to spread, pressing the reserved chips onto the tops.
- Bake for 10 minutes in total, rotating the tray at the 5-minute mark to ensure the cookies brown evenly.
- Once the edges are lightly golden, remove from the oven. Let them rest on the tray for a minute before moving to a cooling rack to firm up.

Contributed by **Jia Khosla,** Bengaluru

## MISS-FIT

**Wanitha Ashok**

*The expert is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach*

**With all the hype around strength training, how do I make sure I'm not overdoing it?**

- If your performance is dropping instead of improving, that's the first red flag.
- The same goes for constant soreness that never quite goes away, poor sleep, or those small joint pains that start creeping into your elbows, knees, or shoulders thanks to all the uncalled stress people put their body through.
- Low motivation or irritability are other red flags you have to look out for and pull back.

**ASK AN XPERT**

**Here is a better approach:**

- Train three to four times a week, focus on quality over quantity.
- Follow Frequency, Intensity, Time and Type principle.
- Progress with one thing at a time: either add a bit of weight, a few reps, or an extra set and then all of it together.

## FITBIT

# HOW POOR DIGESTION CAN SLOW DOWN YOUR FITNESS PROGRESS

**You may be eating right and working out regularly, but still not seeing results. This can be frustrating. One common reason people overlook is digestion. If your gut is not functioning well, it can affect how your body uses food, energy and nutrients.**

### WHY DIGESTION MATTERS:
- Digestion is how your body breaks down food and absorbs nutrients. These nutrients fuel your workouts, help build muscle and support recovery. If your gut is not functioning properly, your body does not get what it needs.
- Even if you eat healthy food, poor digestion can prevent your body from using those nutrients effectively.

### THE GUT AND YOUR ENERGY LEVELS:
- Your gut and brain are closely connected. When digestion is off, it can affect your mood, focus and motivation. You may feel tired, low on energy or unable to perform well during workouts.
- Low energy is often one of the first signs that something is not right with your digestion.

### COMMON SIGNS OF POOR DIGESTION:
**Some signs are easy to notice**
- Bloating and gas after meals
- Constipation or irregular digestion
- Feeling tired even after eating well

These are signals that your gut needs attention.

### WHAT CAUSES POOR DIGESTION:
- Your daily habits play a big role. Diets high in processed food, sugar and low in fibre can affect gut health. Lifestyle factors also matter. Stress, poor sleep and lack of movement can slow digestion. In some cases, conditions like food intolerance or gut disorders may also be involved.

### FOOD THAT SUPPORT BETTER DIGESTION:
**Improving digestion does not require major changes. Start with simple additions:**
- Fibre-rich foods like oats, fruits and leafy vegetables
- Fermented foods like curd, buttermilk, idli and dosae
- Anti-inflammatory ingredients like ginger and turmeric

These help improve gut balance and digestion over time. Your fitness journey is not just about what you eat or how you train. It is also about how well your body absorbs and uses nutrients. Improving digestion can boost energy, support recovery and help you get better results from your efforts.

**By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform**

**EXPRESS CONNECT**

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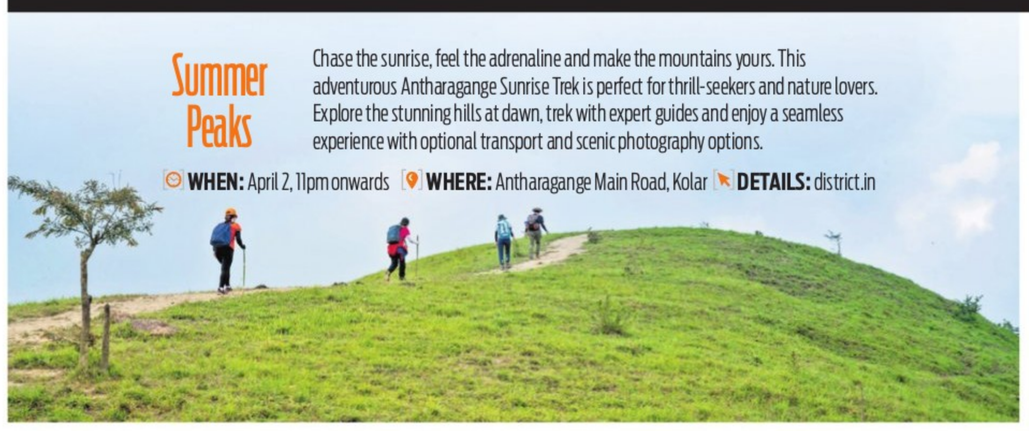
## WHATWHENWHYWHERE



### Summer Peaks

Chase the sunrise, feel the adrenaline and make the mountains yours. This adventurous Antharagange Sunrise Trek is perfect for thrill-seekers and nature lovers. Explore the stunning hills at dawn, trek with expert guides and enjoy a seamless experience with optional transport and scenic photography options.

**WHEN:** April 2, 11pm onwards **WHERE:** Antharagange Main Road, Kolar **DETAILS:** district.in

### Wit Storm

Catch **Harsh Gujral** live in this laughter-packed standup show filled with sharp observations, relatable stories and spontaneous crowd interactions. Performed in Hindi and English, the 90-minute act, suitable for audiences 16+, promises high-energy comedy.

**WHEN:** April 3, 9pm
**WHERE:** Prestige Centre For Performing Arts, Konanakunte Cross
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Turf Nights

Grab your crew, step onto the turf, and let the game take over. The turf invites all cricket lovers for a high-energy, social experience. Led by Devesh Kabra, expect engaging matches and friendly competition. It's the perfect space to play hard, connect with like-minded enthusiasts, and relive your love for the game.

**WHEN:** April 3, 8.30pm
**WHERE:** Turf City Sports, JP Nagar
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Sip. Socialise. Sync

Unwind your Friday in style at Friday Sync, a curated wine experience crafted for those who appreciate the finer things. Enjoy a complimentary pour of premium wines and cicchetti, paired perfectly with great conversations and elevated vibes.

**WHEN:** April 3, 7.30pm
**WHERE:** Italia The Park, MG Road
**CALL:** 080 2559 4666

### Beat Drop

Let loose and dance like nobody's watching at Cats Can Dance, a celebration of dance music, cat culture, and the people who keep it alive. The night flows from disco house to heavier sounds like garage, jungle and DnB, paired with bold, indigenous cocktails.

**WHEN:** April 2, 7pm
**WHERE:** Bar Wild, Indiranagar
**CALL:** 93531 22964

### Shape Together

Indulge in an intimate pottery date experience in a cosy studio setting, couples can explore hand-building and wheel-throwing under expert guidance with no prior experience needed. Paint on pottery pieces and unleash your artistic flair. Express your shared vision and enjoy a complimentary handcrafted pottery gift.

**WHEN:** April 2, 6pm
**WHERE:** Wheel and Potter Pottery Studio, Yelahanka **CALL:** 080 5073 3850

### Love Lines

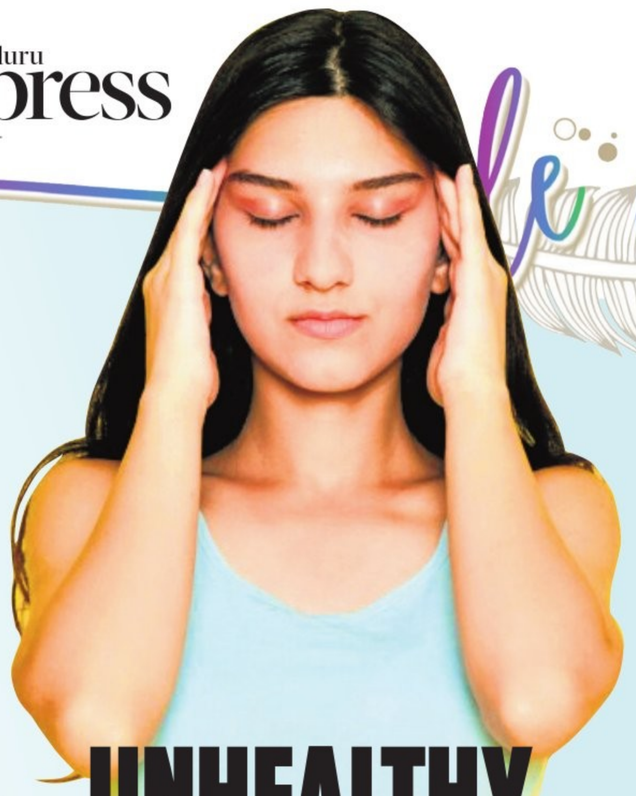
Step into the night and let the vibes carry with you with The Love Notes Tour by **Paresh Pahuja**, an intimate live experience where music meets storytelling. Moved through longing and old-school romance, blending heartfelt songs with quiet moments and every lyric that lingers a little longer.

**WHEN:** April 3, 4pm **WHERE:** Phoenix Mall Of Asia, Yelahanka **DETAILS:** district.in

## ARTCORNER

# CURVE OF DESTINY

Chennai artist Vivin Mahesh imagines the zodiac sign Makara, which is said to be a creature with a crocodile's head and fish's body



# UNHEALTHY TWENTIES

As World Health Day nears, doctors warn rising stress, poor lifestyle habits are pushing young Indians towards early illness and chronic disease

DARSHITA JAIN

AT 25, most young Indians expect to be at their healthiest, building careers and chasing ambitions. However, a worrying shift is unfolding as more people in their twenties report fatigue, lifestyle diseases, and mental health struggles much earlier than expected. As World Health Day, observed every year on April 7, draws attention to global health concerns, doctors say the crisis among young adults can no longer be ignored.

Dr B Venkat Nani Kumar, senior consultant internal medicine, points to changing daily habits as a major reason behind this trend. "A disturbing trend is emerging that lifestyle diseases are affecting young adults earlier than ever. Sedentary routines, processed foods, stress, poor sleep, and excessive screen exposure are accelerating obesity, diabetes, and hypertension. High work pressure and lack of physical activity are pushing many Indians towards chronic illness by their mid-twenties," he says.

Meanwhile, Dr Venkata Krishna Kumar Talluri, DNB Internal Medicine, consultant physician and diabetologist, echoes this concern and explains that the issue is not just behavioural but also biological. "The rise of lifestyle diseases among young adults is now a major public health challenge. Across India, conditions once considered 'old age' problems are increasingly affecting people in their 20s," he notes, adding, "India is undergoing a rapid epidemiological transition – from infectious diseases to non-communicable diseases (NCDs). In young adults, this is largely due to a mismatch between biology and modern lifestyle."

Highlighting the shift seen in hospitals, Dr Kumar says younger patients are now being diagnosed much earlier. "Clinicians are now witnessing a clear downward shift in the age of diagnosis for lifestyle disorders. Conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, thyroid imbalance, chronic fatigue and anxiety are increasingly seen among people in their twenties and early thirties. Irregular routines, unhealthy diets, stress and reduced physical activity are major contributing factors," he explains.

Dr Taluri further breaks down the science behind this early onset. "South Asians are genetically predisposed to insulin resistance and central obesity. Earlier, physically active lifestyles helped offset this risk. Today, sedentary jobs, academic pressures, and urban living trigger these vulnerabilities much earlier," he says, further continuing, "Increasing exposure to processed foods and environmental toxins may interfere with endocrine function, predisposing individuals to metabolic disorders early in life."

Speaking about the link between mind and body, Dr Kumar stresses the importance of mental well-being. "Mental health and physical health are closely interconnected in today's young adults. Chronic stress, anxiety and depression can trigger hormonal imbalance, poor sleep, weakened immunity. Unhealthy habits also increase the risk of obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and fatigue. Addressing mental well-being early is essential to prevent long-term physical health complications and lifestyle disorders," he highlights.

Dr Taluri adds that everyday habits are quietly worsening the situation. "Chronic stress persists as stress elevates cortisol, leading to abdominal fat, higher blood pressure and weakened immunity, while excess screen time causes depressive symptoms and disrupted sleep due to melatonin suppression. Poor diet leads to blood sugar spikes and gut imbalance, and sleep deprivation impairs metabolism, increases cravings, and causes weight gain," he explains.

At the same time, Dr Kumar highlights common misconceptions among young people. "Many young adults believe myths such as 'I am too young to fall sick', 'gym workouts can offset unhealthy eating', or 'stress is normal and harmless'. Ignoring early symptoms, skipping regular health check-ups, self-medicating, and relying on online information often delay diagnosis, increasing risk of serious lifestyle diseases and long-term complications," he acknowledges.

Dr Talluri concludes with a strong focus on prevention: "The focus should be on sustainable, preventive habits, where reducing sedentary time involves taking short movement breaks every hour, improving diet quality means prioritising protein and fibre to stabilise blood sugar and support gut health, limiting screen exposure at night improves sleep quality, and prioritising preventive care through annual screenings helps detect early changes and establish a baseline."

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## WATCH EARLY, WALK FREELY

Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip is characterised by improper hip joint formation, which can range from minor looseness to total dislocation

DARSHITA JAIN

WHEN actor Varun Dhawan recently shared that his daughter has been diagnosed with Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH), it brought attention to a condition many parents are still unfamiliar with. Doctors say that while DDH can sound alarming, early detection and timely care can make a significant difference in a child's life.

Explaining the condition, Dr Sukesh Rao Sankineani, arthroscopy and sports medicine, orthopaedics, notes, "It is characterised by improper hip joint formation, which can range from minor looseness to total dislocation, in which the ball of the thigh bone slips out of the hip socket. Globally, it affects roughly 1 in 1,000 babies, but in India, rates can reach 1 in 100 because of things like breech posture. Since many cases resolve on their own, but some require intervention, early screening is crucial," he says.

Adding to this, Dr Ganta Ramireddy, senior paediatrician and neonatologist, explains how doctors identify the condition early, "DDH is usually identified during routine checkups. Doctors perform physical examinations to assess hip stability and movement of the hips. If there is any concern, an ultrasound is recommended for infants below six months and for older babies, an X-ray is suggested. It is better to have it checked than delay timely diagnosis and treatment."

Dr Sankineani points to subtle changes parents should not ignore. "Keep a look out for one leg appearing shorter than the other, unequal leg folds, limited hip movement (such as trouble spreading legs during diaper changes), or a clicking or popping sound in the hips." These may be modest in babies younger than three months, but by three to six months, a limp or asymmetry is noticeable. If you see any symptoms, see an orthopedist or paediatrician immediately. The first six months are crucial," the doctor shares.

Dr Ramireddy stresses that while not everything is in a parent's control, some precautions help. "DDH is not entirely preventable, as certain risk factors such as family history, limited space in the womb, or conditions during pregnancy can contribute to its development. However, parents can reduce risk by avoiding tight swaddling, ensuring the baby's legs have enough room to move and avoiding tight wrapping of hips. Promoting natural positioning and movement in the early months can support healthy hip development," he explains.

Sharing the practical side of treatment, Dr Ramireddy highlights what families experience during recovery. He narrates, "One of the most common challenge is adjusting to the use of braces or harnesses, such as the Pavlik harness. Daily activities like diaper changes, bathing, and dressing the baby may require extra care. Ensuring that the baby remains comfortable can be a concern too. However, with proper guidance and a little time, most adapt well and can manage the routine effectively."

Reassuring parents, Dr Sankineani speaks about long-term outcomes. "More than 95 per cent

youngsters have completely normal lives – playing sports, running, and avoiding arthritis into adulthood – with prompt treatment. Although they are uncommon consequences of insufficient or delayed therapy such as moderate stiffness or early osteoarthritis. Regular follow-ups guarantee that hips develop robustly," Dr Sankineani notes. Focusing on recovery timelines, Dr Ramireddy adds that consistency is key. "Treatment may last from a few weeks to a few months, particularly when managed with a harness. At home, parents need to ensure that the device is used consistently, maintain proper hygiene and attend regular follow-up appointments. Early, consistent treatment leads to very good outcomes," he concludes.


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## PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **RAJARAJAN SELVARAJAN** S/o Selvaraj, R/o No.292 1st Floor, 5th Main, Nobel Residency, Yelanahalli, Begur SOS Post, Bengaluru - 560076 have changed my name from **RAJARAJAN SELVARAJAN** to **RAJARAJAN SELVARAJ**, vide affidavit dated 01.04.2026, sworn before notary Aravind Patil G. G, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **LAVANYA REDDY. S.** aged about 46 years, D/o. Sri. C. Balakrishnan Reddy, (Late) W/o. Santhosh Kumar. M, residing at No. 12, Subedar Garden, 3rd Cross, Krishna Temple Road, Behind Rakkum Blind School, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560 038. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **C. LAVANYA** to **LAVANYA REDDY. S,** Vide Affidavit dated 28.03.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary B. Hanumantharaya, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
We, **H.C. Kemparaju**, and **Gowthami S**, residing at Kirugavalu Hobli, Malavalli Taluk, Hanakola, Mandya District, Karnataka - 571463, do hereby declare as follows: That in the Birth Certificate of our daughter, her name has been mentioned as **"DHVANI K"** instead of **"ARCHANA K."** correct name of our daughter is **"ARCHANA K"** and henceforth called only by the name **"ARCHANA K"** for all purposes. This change of name is made as per the Affidavit dated **21/03/2026**, sworn before **L. Shankaranarayana, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.**

**DECLARATION**
I, **ANURADHA.S** W/o Datta Shivarama.K.S, aged about 60 years, R/at No.93, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, Jabbar Block, Vayalikaval, Bangalore - 560003, do hereby state that both the names **ANURADHA DATTASHIVARAMA, ANURADHA SADAHALLI** and **ANURADHA.S** are my names and belongs to me only. vide affidavit dated 25/03/2026, sworn to before notary Renuka.C, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SHILPA R,** D/o Ramana Gowda, age 22 years, C/o Ramana Gowda, NO. 240/34, 3rd Cross, Ashwath Layout, Doddakallasandra, VTC: Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District, Karnataka-560062 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SHRIRADHYA R** and **SHILPA R** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name to **SHRIRADHYA R,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHRIRADHYA R** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27th day of March 2026, sworn before XXX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **BAHUBALI SAVADI** S/o Allappa Savadi, Aged about 36 years, and residing at Flat No. 4Q-1007, Provident Equinox, Venkatapura Village, Kambipura, Kumbalagodu Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-560060. Do here by declare that my name changed from **"BAHUBALI ALLAPPA SAVADI"** (Old Name) to **"BAHUBALI SAVADI"** (New Name) vide affidavit dated **01.04.2026** sworn to before me **Ravi,** B.A, LLB., Advocate & Notary Bengaluru-560040.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Gouri D Kulkarni,** D/o Dhirendra Kulkarni, aged about 23 years, Residing at No. 107, S G Vanya Palace apartments, Maruti Mandir Main Road, Kodipalya, Bangalore-560060. I state that my name is mentioned in SSLC Marks Card, PUC Marks Card, Degree Certificate & Bank Passbook as **Gouri D Kulkarni,** & my name is mentioned in PAN Card, Voter ID Card, Driving License & Aadhar Card as **Gouri Kulkarni,** Hereby declare that, above said names are one and the same & it refers to me only, hereinafter I will be called and known as **"Gouri D Kulkarni"** only. Vide Affidavit dated 31.03.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Ravi, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **CHAITHRA GURU SURYAPRAKASH,** aged 35 years, W/o. **Gurumurthy M.N.** residing of No.104, Bettanapalya Main Road, Near Pattaladamma Temple, Bettanapalya Village, Ramohalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560060, have changed my name from **S. CHAITHRA KANTHA** to **CHAITHRA GURU SURYAPRAKASH** vide affidavit dated 16-03-2026 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) MOHAMMED ZUBAIR AHMED IRSHAD** residing at Flat No. 403, 4th Floor, Ramakrishna Apartment, No.9/38, Chowdappa Block, Sultanpalya Main Road, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032. have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MOHAMMED ZUBAIR AHMED IRSHAD** to **(NEW NAME) ZUBAIR AHMED** vide Affidavit dated 12.03.2026 sworn before Notary Ziaulla, Kolar.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NANDINI VENKATESH,** R/at No.20, 2nd Main Road, 1st Cross, Outpost Police Station, Bhakthamarkandeya Layout, Mysore Road, Benglauru-560 026 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NANDINI VENKTESH** (old name) to **NANDINI VENKATESH** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **NANDINI VENKATESH** (new name) for all purposes and in my passport my father name is wrongly mentioned as **VENKTESH THIMMAIYAPPA** instead of **VENKATESH THIMAIAH,** vide affidavit dated 1st April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. PUTTARAJU** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Abdul Khader Abdul Haq (Old Name),** S/o. M.Abdul Haq, aged about 57 years, R/at No. H-100, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, L. N. Puram, Srirampuram, Bengaluru - 560 021, I have changed my name from **Abdul Khader Abdul Haq (Old Name)** to **Abdul Khader (New Name),** henceforth I shall be known & called as **Abdul Khader (New Name)** for all my personal, official & legal purpose, Vide affidavit dated 04.03.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N.Nagesh**, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **APSARA KAIVALYA URS** (Old Name) D/o. PRADEEP.M.URS, aged 18 years, Residing at NO.775, 3RD MAIN ROAD, 4TH BLOCK, RAJAJINAGAR, BENGALURU-560010, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **APSARA KAIVALYA URS** (Old Name) to **APSARA KAIVALYA URS PRADEEP** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **APSARA KAIVALYA URS PRADEEP** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 01/04/2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NAMRATA KARUPAKALA NAGARJUN,** resident of No.420/33, 7th B Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru- 560011 have changed my name to **NAMRATA BOGGARAM** vide affidavit dated: 1/4/2026 Before Notary **Mohammed Hussain. K** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **KANKARIYA NIKITA SURESH,** W/o. Piyush Kumar, residing at #107/13, Megha Ashish Apartment, Gandhi Bazar Main Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560004, have changed my name to **NIKITA SURESH JAIN** vide Affidavit Dated: 01/04/2026, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **VISHAL M,** S/o Mohan Kumar V, age 19 years, R/at No. 195, Sir M Visveshwaraiah Layout, 9th Block, Mallathahalli, Ullal Post, Bengaluru-560 056 do hereby declare that both the names of my mother i.e. **D REKHA** and **REKHA MOHAN** are one and the same and refers to my mother, now in my passport I want to change my mother surname from **REKHA** to **D REKHA,** henceforth I will continue my mother name as **D REKHA,** vide affidavit dated 1st April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. PUTTARAJU** at Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **Ateeq Ahmed** S/o. Hasan Ahmed Khazi H, aged about 39 years, residing at No. 162, 5th Cross, 3rd Main, Gokula 1st Stage, 1st Phase, HMT Layout, Mathikere, Bengaluru-560054, do hereby declare that the names **ATEEQ AHMED** and **ATEEQ AHMED H KHAZI** refer to one and the same person namely myself and both the names are being used in different records to denote me, and that the my wife both names i.e, **AYESHA SULTANA** and **AYESHA A KHAZI,** are one and the same my wife name only vide affidavit dated 27.03.2026, sworn to before XXXVIII Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **S.K. Mohiden Sharieff,** Aged about 73 years, S/o. Abdul Khadar, residing at No.6, 12th 'A' Main, Opp. JP Park, Brindavan Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore-560054, do hereby declare that my name in my Aadhaar Card No. 8043 9715 9982 is **S.K. Mohiden Sharieff** and identical name appears in several other documents as well. Whereas my name is entered as **S.K. Althaf Shariff and S K Althaf** in my children's birth certificates and educational records. So I do hereby declare that all the names **"S.K. Mohiden Sharieff", "S K Althaf Shariff" & "S K Althaf"** belong to myself. Sworn vide affidavit dated: **25.03.2026,** before the Advocate & notary **Chandrakala, M.A.,LLB.,** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **MATHEVAMMA SIVANAPPA,** aged about 72 years, W/o. Sivanappa, residing at No. 4170, Bilikkal, Urigam, Denkanikote, Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu-635102, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **P. MAHADEVAMMA** to **MATHEVAMA SIVANAPPA,** vide affidavit dated 01.04.2026, sworn to before Mamatha .NK, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **KRISHAN NAGPAL,** S/o Sri Sudershan Kumar Nagpal, age 41 years, R/at Adarsh Palm Retreat, Devaraeesanahalli, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560 103 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KRISHAN** (old name) to **KRISHAN NAGPAL** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **KRISHAN NAGPAL** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 1-4-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. HAMALATHA** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **K. BALASUBRAMANYAM,** R/at #310, Maruthi Homes, Hagdur, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BALASUBRAMANIYAM K** (old name) to **K. BALASUBRAMANYAM** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **K. BALASUBRAMANYAM** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 1st April 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. PUTTARAJU** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **PRABHU D BARAMANAGOUDA** (new name) previously called PRABHU, D. (old name), aged about 34 years, S/o. Late. Sri. B. M. Dhanyakumar, R/at No. 225, 17th C Cross, Opp. Arogya Kendra, 3rd Block, 4th Stage, Basaveshwaranagara, Bangalore 560 079, Karnataka State, India. I have Changed my name from **"PRABHU D."** to **"PRABHU D BARAMANAGOUDA"** vide Affidavit dated 30.03.2026 before Notary V.Anjanappa, Bangalore.

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Thanks for favours and blessing received continue to bless us.
**RICHARD FLORANCE & FAMILY**

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Thanks for favours and blessing received continue to bless us the favours we seek.
**SRINIVAS AND FAMILY**

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Thank you Infant jesus for all the graces, mercies and blessings bestowed on my Dad and my family thru your intercession to the Heavenly Father., Seeking your blessings always.
GEORGE JOSEPH and TREESA J and FAMILY

THANKSGIVING

Thanks Jesus for everything
I am happy for ur blessings
Always be with me
and with my family.
-VANI

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **C.NAGARANI** (Old Name), aged 76 years (D.O.B. 19/09/1949), Wife of A.S.JAGANNATH, Residing at NO.G-2, ABHIJITH ANNEXE, 11TH CROSS, B/W 7TH AND 8TH MAIN ROAD, NEAR SHAMARAO VILLAL BANK LTD, MALLESHWARAM, BENGALURU-560003, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **C.NAGARANI** (Old Name) to **ARCOT RANI JAGANNATH** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **ARCOT RANI JAGANNATH** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 24/03/2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU.

**NAME DECLARATION**
I, **PRASHANTH.B,** aged about 20 years, S/o R.S.Bhaskar, R/at: U-143, 6th Cross, Gowthamnagar, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560021, My correct Date of Birth is 16-06-2005 My all documents mentioned as same name Ex: aadhar, Pan Card, T.C Extr. But My ICSE (Class X) Statement of Marks issued Wrongly my Date of Birth 06.06.2005. I, declare that my actual and correct Date of Birth is **16-06-2005.** vide Affidavit dated 01.04.2026 before Notary, Onkarappa, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, Gitanjali, W/o Priyankar Banerjee, Aged about 39 Years, R/at Sobha Windsor, Apt. No.10113, Wing 10, 11th Floor, Immadihalli Main Road, Vijayanagar, Whitefield, Nagondahalli, Bengaluru -560 066. have changed my name from Gitanjali, Gitanjali C and Gitanjali Gitanjali to Gitanjali Banerjee for all purposes affidavit dated 31/03/2026 sworn before advocate and notary Hegde Ganapati Venkatraman, Bangalore**

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I **CHANDRASHEKAR S.** S/o Satyanarayana C., aged 39 years and residing at No.22, 7th Cross, 7th Link Choluru Palya, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023, hereby declare and state under oath, that due to personal and family reasons I have changed the name of my 9 year old Minor daughter, **Hemisha C.** to **"Rishika Aradhya C."**
Accordingly, henceforth, my minor daughter, Hemisha C. shall be known and called by the name **Rishika Aradhya C.,** for all purposes including educational, official, legal and other records. Vide affidavit dated 1/4/2026 sworn before notary Anitha Bai, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I **CHANDRASHEKAR S.** S/o Satyanarayana C., aged 39 years and residing at No.22, 7th Cross, 7th Link Choluru Palya, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023, hereby declare and state under oath, that due to personal and family reasons I have changed the name of my 11 year old Minor Son, **DAIVIK NAIDU C.** to **"NIHAL ABHINAV C."**
Accordingly, henceforth, my minor son Daivik Naidu shall be known and called by the name **Nihal Abhinav C.,** for all purposes including educational, official, legal and other records. Vide affidavit dated 1/4/2026 sworn before notary Anitha Bai, Bangalore.

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# RUKMINI VASANTH JOINS KVN PRODUCTIONS' NEXT

Hemanth M Rao is involved in the project, though his exact role has not been disclosed, while Malashree is said to be playing a pivotal part

A SHARADHAA

RUKMINI Vasanth has quickly become one of the most loved actors, and is making her mark felt across various industries. She is widely known for her memorable performance in Hemanth M Rao - Rakshit Shetty's *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello*, and her explosive role in Rishab Shetty's *Kantara Chapter 1*, which was released in multiple languages. Even as she is awaiting the release of Geetu Mohandas-Yash's *Toxic*, there is already buzz about her pairing with Jr NTR in Prashanth Neel's upcoming film, speculated to be titled, *Dragon*.

Adding to the excitement, Cinema Express has learnt that Rukmini has teamed up with KVN Productions for a new project, which has quietly gone on floors. Our sources say that this is a Kannada film, likely to be released in multiple languages. What makes this even more interesting is that Hemanth M Rao is reportedly involved, though it is not yet clear in what capacity, as he is also directing Dhananjay and Shivarajkumar's *666 Operation Dream Theatre*. Rukmini and Hemanth have previously worked together in *Sapta Sagaradaache Ello*.

The project is also said to feature the evergreen "Lady Superstar" Malashree in a pivotal role, marking another exciting collaboration. KVN Productions is also backing pan-India projects like Dhruva Sarja and Prem's *KD*, and Vijay's *Jana Nayagan*, which is set for release soon. Their biggest project, *Toxic*, also features Rukmini, alongside a stellar star cast that includes names like Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Tara Sutaria, Huma Qureshi, and Akshay Oberoi.

While details about the film's plot or the specific roles are still under wraps, it is clear that this combination of talent will make this project one of the most-anticipated films from the KVN Productions banner.

# Sandesh Shetty Ajri blends three languages in *Sangeetha Bar and Restaurant*

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DIRECTOR-actor Sandesh Shetty Ajri has wrapped up shooting for *Sangeetha Bar and Restaurant*, starring Komal Kumar, Meghana Raj Sarja, and Anusha Rai. This time, he is not following a routine format and instead tells the story in a way that plays with both form and language.

The film moves between two parallel storylines that eventually connect. What stands out in the film is its seamless blend of Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi. "Using language is not a gimmick, but something that comes naturally to the characters and their world. Instead of making everyone speak one language, I have let each character speak the way they would in real life. For me, language is closely linked to who a person is, and it shapes their background, behaviour, and emotions," he says.

Ajri also appears in the film in a key role as Salaam Sultan, a character set in the 19th century. "This track brings in a historical layer to the overall story," says the filmmaker.

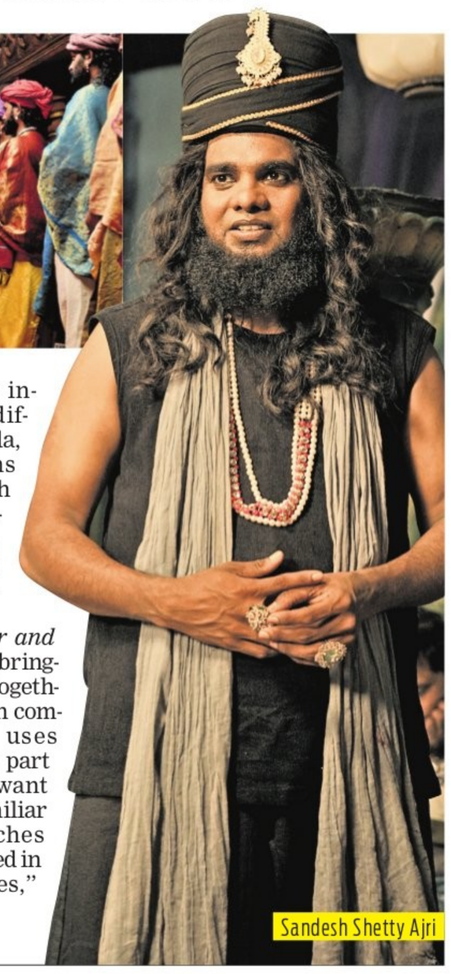
His filmmaking journey has not been a straight line. He started in theatre and later moved into journalism, working as a reporter across Karnataka. Over time, he combined these experiences and stepped into cinema with *Kathale Kone*, where he made his debut as both actor and independent director.

"I have worked in Hindi, Marathi, and Malayalam industries, taking on different roles. In Kannada, I have directed films like *Inamdar*, which leaned towards commercial storytelling, and *Gumti*, which had a more rooted and realistic tone," he says.

With *Sangeetha Bar and Restaurant*, he is now bringing these experiences together in a suspense-driven commercial film that uses multiple languages as part of its storytelling. "I want to move away from familiar storytelling approaches while still staying rooted in diverse cultural voices," he says.

A still from the film

The director presents a multilingual narrative that weaves Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi into a single story, using language as a natural extension of character and setting


Sandesh Shetty Ajri

# Adam McKay to direct a sci-fi comedy

CE FEATURES

A NEW sci-fi comedy is in the works at Sony Pictures, bringing together director-producer Adam McKay and writer Michael Shanks for an untitled project that is being kept tightly under wraps. Shanks, who gained attention with his feature debut Together, will pen the screenplay, while McKay is attached to direct. The latter will also produce alongside Todd Schulman under their Hyperobject Industries banner.

Also part of the production team is Andrew Mittman, known for his work on Wednesday and his involvement in the development of Tim Burton's reimagining of Attack of the Fifty Foot Woman. Mittman is producing via 1.21 Pictures, with Kai Dolbashian serving as executive producer. The team previously collaborated with Shanks on Together.

# Sujay Shastry's *Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala* locks release date

CE FEATURES

*ELRA Kaaleliyatte Kaala*, starring Chandan Shetty and directed by Sujay Shastry, will be released in theatres on April 17. The story highlights the importance of time. Produced by Govindaraju under Gokul Entertainers, the makers recently released the song 'Maathu Madhura' and then held a media interaction.

Talking about the delayed release, Sujay Shastry said, "Due to unforeseen reasons, the release got pushed. But now the right moment has arrived." He mentioned that the film is set in the 1990s, with most scenes filmed in Kanakapura. "The film conveys the importance of time. The story, written by my friend Rajaguru Hoskote, fits perfectly with the title," he noted. He called it a family comedy and expressed hope that audiences would support it in theaters.

Chandan Shetty, making his debut as a lead actor, said, "This is my first film as a hero, and I prepared a lot for it. I even gained weight for the role. The film shows, in a touching way, what happens when we don't value time." He also shared his happiness about the response to 'Maathu Madhura'.

The film features Archana Kottige as the female lead, along with Dattanna, Tara Anuradha, and Manju Pavagada.

Talking about his third production venture, producer Govindaraju said, "It carries a meaningful message, and we want audiences to experience it in theatres."

Music directors Praveen and Pradeep stated that the film includes five songs. "'Maathu Madhura', sung by Darshan Narayan and Anuradha Bhat, is out now. Four tracks reflect the 1990s style, while a promotional song has been composed and sung by Chandan," they said.

Writer Rajaguru Hoskote added that the film combines humour with slice-of-life moments, forming its nostalgic heart.

A still from the film

SREEJITH MULLAPPILLY

THE latest blockbuster, *Dhurandhar*, is all about celebrating the unsung, and one such talent is Steve Kottoor, who served as an additional composer on the movie and co-produced its background music alongside its main composer, Shashwat Sachdev. Following the success of the masala-filled spy saga, Steve is now busy juggling interviews and live concerts. In an exclusive conversation with CE, the music producer begins by admitting he never expected this level of attention. "When our work on *Dhurandhar* started, Shashwat told me that people would talk about the film even after 20 years. Even then, the response has been astonishing," says Steve.

*Dhurandhar* is Steve's second major Hindi project with Shashwat, following Aryan Khan's debut series, *The Ba***ds of Bollywood*. "We were in sync with each other after starting work on *The Ba***ds of Bollywood*. I know exactly what he wants, and he also understands the kind of work that I do. This allows us to work faster. Our chemistry is so good now that we can understand each other and the project requirements through eye contact alone," says the composer. While songs and background music play a big part in making the *Dhurandhar* films the entertainers they are, Steve is aware that any overemphasis on the technical aspects could leave the audience exhausted. "If the score just keeps going, the movie would become a 'brick wall,' as it would cause a sense of inertia among the audience. You do not want that to happen. Therefore, there must be silence to ensure some breathing space for the characters and the audience. Music would become more impactful then."

Steve Kottoor, a frequent traveller, credits these experiences for influencing his music. "I have been to around 30 countries. Wherever I go, I try to explore the live music scene, and this has introduced me to various styles of music with different types of singers and instruments," says Steve. This helps explain why he often collaborates with multiple singers and composers. He serves as a keyboardist and music director of Atif Aslam's live shows and has also worked with Sonu Nigam and KS Chithra. "Each composer has a different style, which I like a lot because I do not want to stick to one particular style alone. I want to become a versatile musician who can pull off any music genre." Coming back to *Dhurandhar*, even as the audience has been raving over the songs and score in the franchise, many trending reels and shorts use music from films such as *The Dark Knight* and *The Batman* in place of the original. Many of these reels include captions that say, "We fixed the music for you." However, Steve is not disappointed by this practice and is rather delighted about it. "This shows how much the audience likes *Dhurandhar*. We are really happy to see how much they are engaging with the film. After all, everyone has their own interpretations," he says.

While *Dhurandhar* has become this gigantic blockbuster franchise, it has also been called out for propaganda. Many also question the political awareness and ethics of actors based on their involvement in the franchise. However, Steve Kottoor remains rather detached from all of this and views cinema as just a form of entertainment. "As an artist, my role begins and ends with ensuring that the music I work on falls in line with the director's vision. I do not have much say in how the audience views the film and its politics. For me, they have to be entertained, especially when they come to the theatre for a film clocking in around four hours." That said, Steve acknowledges that *Dhurandhar* has a political perspective that is the opposite of his other big project, *L2: Empuraan*. "I find that a big coincidence," he says while underscoring that his commitment to these films remains strictly as a creative person.

'Music would become more impactful with silence'

# Rajkummar Rao starrer *Dada: The Saurav Ganguly* Story goes on floors

CE FEATURES

WE had earlier reported about Vikramaditya Motwane and Rajkummar Rao reuniting for the official biopic of legendary cricketer and former Indian captain Saurav Ganguly. On Wednesday, the makers officially confirmed the film going on shooting floors. The film is officially titled *Dada: The Saurav Ganguly* Story. Vikramaditya first shared a somewhat cryptic post, by sharing a monochromatic photo of the Saurav Ganguly stand at Eden Gardens. Later, Rajkummar Rao, shared a few snippets from the muhurat ceremony of the film on his Instagram. "And it begins... the one and only Dada," the actor captioned the post.

Luv Films is onboard as the producer. Siddharth Diwan, the cinematographer who has worked on notable films like *Qala* (2022), *Trapped* (2017) and *Queen* (2014), is onboard for *Dada*. Other key details, like primary cast members, are yet to be revealed.

Vikramaditya and Rajkummar have previously worked together in *Trapped* (2017), which was received very well by critics. Rajkummar's next projects also include Toaster, the Netflix film that also stars Sanya Malhotra will arrive on April 15. Incidentally, the acclaimed actor has another biopic in the pipeline, where he will be seen playing Ujjwal Nikam.